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# WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR MONTANA

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## SNOW PILLOW RECORDS 1968 WATER YEAR

## TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season as they affect runoff will add to be an effective average. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1400 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. In the near future, it is anticipated that automatic snow water equivalent sensing devices along with radio telemetry will provide a continuous record of snow water equivalent at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data or reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.


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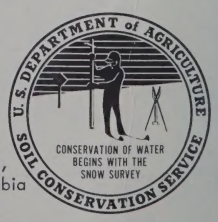

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MONTANA FALL RESUME'
October 1, 1968

April-September Streamflow

In the Columbia River drainage, streamflow was generally 80 to 90 percent average. Exceptions were the Blackfoot drainage with about 65 percent average flow and the Bitterroot drainage with about 95 percent average runoff.

Flow of the Missouri River at its headwaters was about 125 percent average. The Sun and Marias Rivers had flows in the 70 to 60 percent range. The Milk River produced a little less than average runoff. The Yellowstone drainage above Billings had 122 percent average runoff.

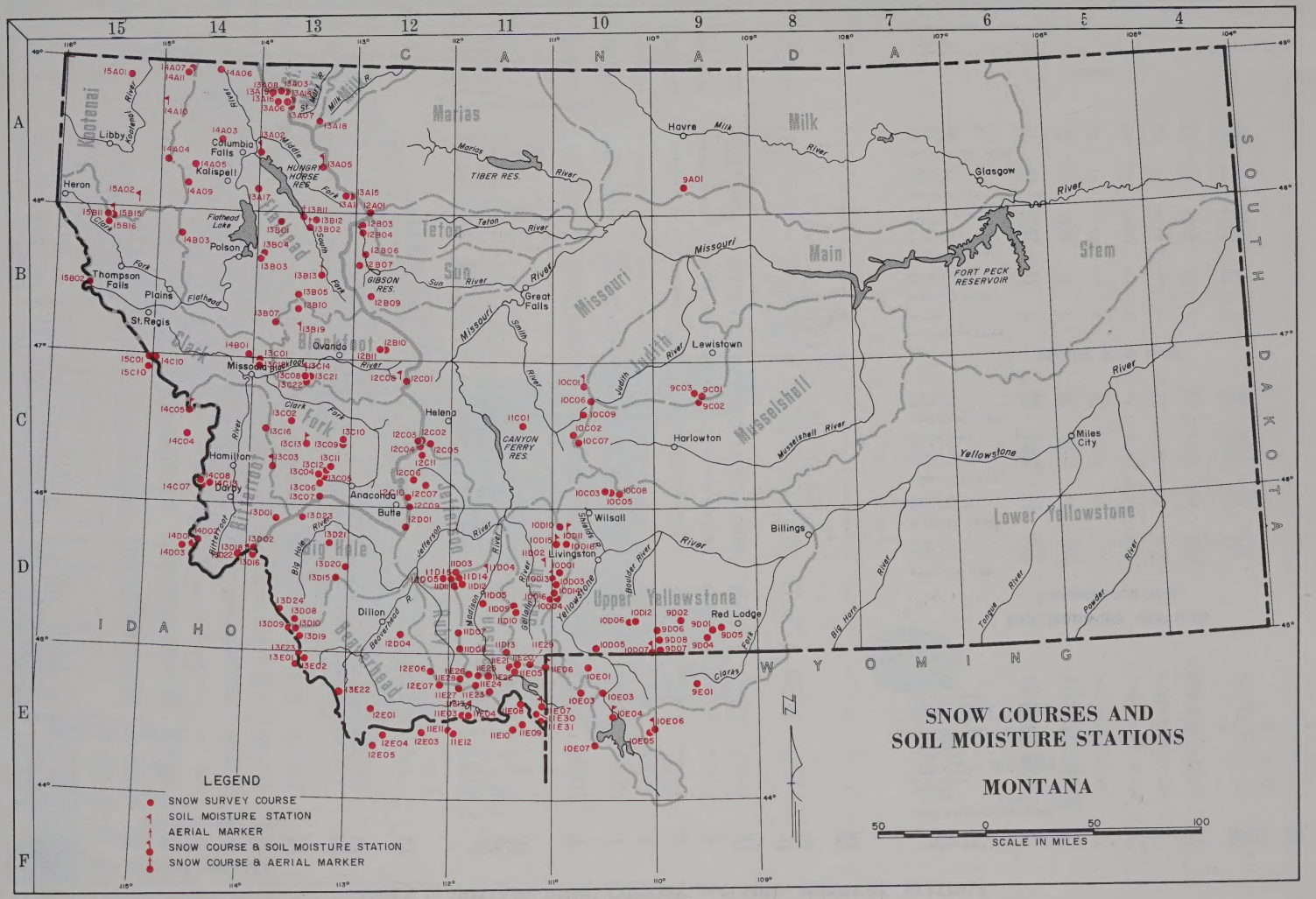
Fall Soil Moisture

All mountain soils have average to above average stored moisture. In many areas snow accumulation will occur on soils near or at field capacity.

Reservoir Storage

Carryover storage in irrigation reservoirs is generally near or above average. One exception is the Camas Reservoir group west of the Flathead River, where good spring runoff is necessary to insure adequate irrigation supplies next summer.

Storage in larger multipurpose reservoirs is above average.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Blackfoot River
Big Hole River
Jefferson River
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Gallatin River
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Teton River
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Missouri River
Smith River
Judith River
Musselshell River
Yellowstone River
Boulder River
Stillwater River
Clarks Fork
Big Horn River
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## SNOW COURSES

### COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

| Drainage Basin & Course Name | Number | Elev. | Sec. | Twp. | Range | Record Began | Measuring Dates 1/ | Meas. By 2/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **KOOTENAI RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Baree Creek | 15B11 | 5500 | 36 | 26N | 31W | 1956 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 |
| Baree Midway | 15B16 | 4600 | 31 | 26N | 30W | 1965 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 |
| Baree Trail | 15B15 | 3800 | 5 | 25N | 30W | 1965 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 |
| Brush Creek | 14A04 | 5000 | 12 | 30N | 26W | 1937 | 3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| Graves Creek | 14A11 | 4300 | 1 | 30N | 25W | 1965 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,2 |
| Red Mountain | 15A01 | 6000 | 4 | 36N | 29W | 1937 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,2 |
| Wessel Divide | 14A07 | 5450 | 20 | 37N | 24W | 1937 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,2 |
| **FLATHEAD RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Bascon Peak | 14B03 | 5150 | 11 | 24N | 25W | 1961 | 3,4,5 | 1,5 |
| Beaver Lake | 13A11 | 5900 | 31 | 28N | 11W | 1964 | 3,4,5 | 2 |
| Big Creek | 13B03 | 6750 | 7 | 22N | 18W | 1941 | 3,4,5, 6 | 1,5 |
| Camp Misery | 13A17 | 6400 | 30 | 28N | 18W | 1962 | 3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| Desert Mountain | 13A02 | 5600 | 24 | 31N | 19W | 1937 | 1,2,3,4,5, 6 | 1,2 |
| Fatty Creek | 13B04 | 5500 | 8 | 22N | 18W | 1962 | 3,4,5, 6 | 1,5 |
| Flattop Mountain | 13A19 | 6300 | 12 | 35N | 18W | 1968 | 1,2,3,4,5, 6 | 1,6 |
| Griffin Creek Divide | 14A09 | 5150 | 11 | 28N | 25W | 1960 | 3,4,5 | 1,5 |
| Gunsight Lake | 13B12 | 6300 | 35 | 26N | 17W | 1964 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Hell Roaring Divide | 14A03 | 5770 | 32 | 32N | 22W | 1942 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 2 |
| Holbrook | 13B13 | 4530 | 18 | 21N | 13W | 1951 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| Kishennehn | 14A06 | 3890 | 14 | 37N | 22W | 1954 | 3,4 | 6 |
| Logan Creek | 14A05 | 4300 | 34 | 30N | 24W | 1937 | 3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| Marias Pass | 13A05 | 5250 | 34 | 30N | 14W | 1934 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 2 |
| Mineral Creek | 13A16 | 4000 | 29 | 35N | 17W | 1957 | 3,4,5 | 6 |
| North Fork Jocko | 13B07 | 6330 | 3 | 17N | 17W | 1941 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,5 |
| Spotted Bear Mountain | 13B02 | 7000 | 23 | 25N | 15W | 1948 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1 |
| Trinkus Lake | 13B01 | 6100 | 9 | 25N | 17W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Twin Creeks | 13B11 | 5850 | 24 | 26N | 16W | 1951 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1 |
| Upper Holland Lake | 13B05 | 7000 | 28 | 20N | 15W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| **CLARK FORK RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Black Pine | 13C13 | 7100 | 26 | 8N | 15W | 1959 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,2 |
| Copper Creek | 12B10 | 5700 | 1 | 15N | 9W | 1962 | 3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| Cotter Mine | 12B11 | 6250 | 2 | 15N | 9W | 1962 | 3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| Coyote Hill | 13B10 | 4200 | 12 | 18N | 16W | 1947 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| El Dorado Mine | 13C09 | 7800 | 23 | 8N | 12W | 1949 | 3,4 | 1 |
| Fred Burr Pass | 13C11 | 8000 | 12 | 6N | 13W | 1957 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Gold Creek Lake | 13C10 | 7200 | 14 | 8N | 12W | 1949 | 3,4 | 1 |
| Heart Lake Trail | 14C10 | 4800 | 11 | 14N | 27W | 1965 | 3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| Hoodoo Basin | 15C10 | 6000 | 17 | 14N | 27W | 1967 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,2 |
| Hoodoo Creek | 15C01 | 5900 | 16 | 14N | 27W | 1937 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| Intergaard | 13C04 | 6450 | 6 | 4N | 13W | 1936 | 2,3,4,5 | 4 |
| Lubrecht Forest No. 3 | 13C21 | 5450 | 19 | 13N | 14W | 1951 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 8 |
| Lubrecht Forest No. 4 | 13C22 | 4650 | 23 | 13N | 15W | 1951 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 8 |
| Lubrecht Forest No. 6 | 13C08 | 4040 | 11 | 13N | 15W | 1951 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 8 |
| Red Lion | 13C12 | 7100 | 22 | 6N | 13W | 1958 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Skalkaho Summit | 13C03 | 7260 | 30 | 6N | 17W | 1937 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Slide Rock Mountain | 13C02 | 7100 | 35 | 10N | 16W | 1937 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Southern Cross | 13C05 | 6500 | 8 | 5N | 13W | 1936 | 2,3,4 | 4 |
| Spring Gulch | 13C18 | 6000 | 12 | 14N | 13W | 1961 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 8 |
| Storm Lake | 13C07 | 7780 | 19 | 4N | 13W | 1939 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1 |
| Stuart Mill | 13C06 | 6500 | 19 | 5N | 13W | 1936 | 2,3,4 | 4 |
| Stuart Mountain | 13C01 | 7400 | 6 | 6N | 13W | 1936 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 8 |
| TV Mountain | 14B01 | 6800 | 33 | 15N | 19W | 1956 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 8 |
| **BITTERROOT RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Ambrose | 13C16 | 6480 | 28 | 9N | 18W | 1960 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| East Fork R.S. | 13D01 | 5400 | 16 | 2N | 17W | 1937 | 3,4 | 1 |
| Gibbons Pass | 13D02 | 7100 | 4 | 2S | 19W | 1934 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,3 |
| Lost Horse | 14C07 | 5940 | 5 | 4N | 23W | 1960 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Nez Perce Camp | 14D02 | 5680 | 19 | 1S | 23W | 1937 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Nez Perce Pass | 14D01 | 6570 | 25 | 1S | 22W | 1937 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Saddle Mountain | 13D22 | 7940 | 5 | 2S | 19W | 1965 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Twelvemile Creek | 14C13 | 5600 | 34 | 5N | 23W | 1968 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Twin Lakes | 14C08 | 6510 | 32 | 5N | 23W | 1960 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| **ST. MARY RIVER BASIN** | | | | | | | | |
| Hudson Bay Divide | 13A18 | 5800 | 24 | 34N | 14W | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 3 |
| Iceberg Lake No. 3 | 13A03 | 5600 | 1 | 35N | 17W | 1922 | 5 | 3,9 |
| Josephine Lower No. 9 | 13A14 | 4900 | 22 | 35N | 16W | 1955 | 5 | 3,9 |
| Mount Allen No. 7 | 13A07 | 5700 | 27 | 35N | 16W | 1922 | 5 | 3,9 |
| Pitagan Pass No. 6 | 13A06 | 5500 | 27 | 35N | 16W | 1922 | 5 | 3,9 |
| Ptarmigan No. 8 | 13A08 | 5800 | 36 | 36N | 17W | 1937 | 5 | 3,9 |

### MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

| Drainage Basin & Course Name | Number | Elev. | Sec. | Twp. | Range | Record Began | Measuring Dates 1/ | Meas. By 2/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BEAVERHEAD RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Bloody Dick | 13D10 | 7600 | 12 | 8S | 16W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Carter Creek | 12D04 | 7400 | 22 | 8S | 7W | 1963 | 2,3,4 | 1 |
| Dad Creek Lake | 13E22 | 6400 | 24 | 12S | 13W | 1965 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Elk Horn Springs | 13D15 | 7800 | 21 | 4S | 12W | 1935 | 3,4,5 | 3 |
| Gold Stone | 13D09 | 8100 | 11 | 8S | 16W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Lakeview Canyon | 11B04 | 6930 | 26 | 14S | 2W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 10 |
| Lakeview Ridge | 11B03 | 7400 | 27 | 14S | 2W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 10 |
| Lemhi Pass | 13E01 | 7480 | 9 | 10S | 15W | 1948 | 3,4 | 1 |
| Lemhi Ridge | 13E23 | 8100 | 4 | 10S | 15W | 1967 | 3,4 | 1 |
| Trail Creek | 13E02 | 7090 | 15 | 10S | 15W | 1948 | 3,4 | 1 |
| White Pine Ridge | 12E01 | 8850 | 18 | 14S | 9W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| **RUBY RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Branham Lakes | 11D14 | 8850 | 5 | 4S | 3W | 1967 | 3,4,5 | 1,12 |
| Clover Meadow | 11D08 | 8600 | 28 | 9S | 2W | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Divide | 12B07 | 7900 | 14 | 12S | 4W | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Middle Mill Creek | 11D15 | 7850 | 17 | 4S | 3W | 1967 | 3,4,5 | 1,12 |
| Notch | 12B06 | 8500 | 18 | 11S | 4W | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Smuggler Mine | 12D05 | 6960 | 24 | 4S | 3W | 1967 | 3,4,5 | 1,12 |
| **BIG HOLE RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Abundance Lake | 13D20 | 8800 | 7 | 3S | 11W | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Darkhorse Lake | 13D19 | 8600 | 4 | 8S | 16W | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Foolhen | 13D21 | 8280 | 11 | 1S | 13W | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Jehnke Creek | 13D08 | 7340 | 25 | 7S | 16W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Palisade Creek | 13D23 | 8450 | 3 | 2S | 15W | 1967 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Slag-a-melt Lake | 13D24 | 8750 | 29 | 5S | 17W | 1968 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| **JEFFERSON RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Berry Meadow | 12C07 | 7300 | 8 | 5N | 5W | 1962 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Copper Landing | 12C09 | 7700 | 13 | 3N | 7W | 1966 | 2,3,4,5 | 4 |
| Nez Perce Creek | 12C10 | 6500 | 16 | 4N | 6W | 1967 | 2,3,4,5 | 4 |
| Picnic Grounds | 12C06 | 6500 | 21 | 5N | 6W | 1941 | 2,3,4 | 4 |
| Pipestone Pass | 12D01 | 7200 | 10 | 1N | 7W | 1938 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1 |
| Rocker Peak | 12C11 | 8000 | 17 | 7N | 5W | 1968 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1 |
| **MADISON RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Call Road | 11D07 | 8050 | 21 | 8S | 2W | 1962 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Four Mile | 11D12 | 6900 | 5 | 4S | 2W | 1965 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Freezeout Lake | 11E25 | 7200 | 6 | 12S | 1E | 1965 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 2 |
| Freezeout Mountain | 11E26 | 8250 | 26 | 11S | 1W | 1965 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 2 |
| Hebgen Dam | 11E05 | 6550 | 22 | 11S | 3E | 1934 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 3 |
| Jack Creek | 11D05 | 7500 | 13 | 6S | 1E | 1961 | 3,4 | 1 |
| Lake Creek | 11E22 | 6100 | 27 | 11S | 1E | 1965 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 2 |
| Lion Mountain | 11E28 | 8760 | 23 | 11S | 2W | 1967 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 2 |
| Lower Twin | 11D11 | 7900 | 12 | 4S | 3W | 1965 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Madison Plateau | 11E31 | 7750 | 28 | 14S | 5E | 1968 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,2 |
| Meridian Creek | 11E23 | 7000 | 31 | 12S | 1E | 1965 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 2 |
| North Meadow | 11D03 | 7500 | 24 | 3S | 3W | 1961 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Potosagaton Park | 11E21 | 7150 | 33 | 10S | 1E | 1965 | 3,4,5 | 2 |
| Sentinel Creek | 11E20 | 8300 | 17 | 10S | 3E | 1965 | 3,4,5 | 2 |
| Tepee Creek | 11E24 | 8000 | 15 | 12S | 1W | 1965 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 2 |
| Upper West Fork | 11E27 | 8750 | 6 | 12S | 2W | 1966 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 2 |
| West Yellowstone | 11E07 | 6700 | 34 | 13S | 5E | 1934 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1,3,6 |
| Whiskey Creek | 11E30 | 6800 | 19 | 14S | 5E | 1967 | 3,4,5 | 2 |
| **GALLATIN RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Arch Falls | 10D14 | 7350 | 3 | 5S | 6E | 1963 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Bear Basin | 11D09 | 8150 | 9 | 6S | 3E | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Bridger Bowl | 10D15 | 7250 | 25 | 1N | 6E | 1965 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Carrot Basin | 11E29 | 9000 | 18 | 10S | 4E | 1967 | 1,2,3,4,5, 6 | 2 |
| Devil's Slide | 10D04 | 8100 | 14 | 5S | 6E | 1935 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Hood Meadow | 10D03 | 6400 | 22 | 4S | 6E | 1935 | 2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Lick Creek | 10D13 | 6860 | 10 | 4S | 6E | 1964 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Little Park | 11D10 | 7400 | 22 | 6S | 3E | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Maynard Creek | 12D18 | 6210 | 19 | 1N | 7E | 1967 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| New World | 10D01 | 6700 | 24 | 3S | 6E | 1939 | 2,3,4 | 1 |
| Shower Falls | 10D16 | 8100 | 14 | 5S | 6E | 1966 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Taylor Peaks | 11D13 | 8500 | 26 | 9S | 2E | 1967 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Twenty-One Mile | 11E06 | 7150 | 1 | 11S | 5E | 1934 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 3 |
| **MISSOURI RIVER MAIN STEM** | | | | | | | | |
| Boulder Mountain | 11C01 | 7950 | 1 | 9N | 3E | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Chessman Reservoir | 12C05 | 6200 | 2 | 8N | 5W | 1936 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 3 |
| Deadman Creek | 10C09 | 6450 | 23 | 12N | 8E | 1966 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Elk Peak | 10C07 | 8000 | 10 | 8N | 8E | 1963 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Grasshopper | 10C02 | 7000 | 19 | 9N | 8E | 1938 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Kings Hill | 10C01 | 7500 | 34 | 13N | 8E | 1934 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,3 |
| Rocky Boy | 9A01 | 5200 | 15 | 28N | 16E | 1941 | 3,4, | 7 |
| Stemple Pass | 12C01 | 6600 | 16 | 13N | 7W | 1934 | 3,4,5 | 3 |
| Ten Mile Lower | 12C02 | 6600 | 12 | 8N | 6W | 1935 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 3 |
| Ten Mile Middle | 12C03 | 6800 | 13 | 8N | 6W | 1934 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 3 |
| Ten Mile Upper | 12C04 | 8000 | 19 | 8N | 5W | 1935 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 3 |
| **SUN-TETON-MARIAS RIVERS** | | | | | | | | |
| Badger Pass | 13A15 | 6900 | 4 | 27N | 11W | 1964 | 3,4,5 | 2 |
| Cabin Creek | 12B06 | 5200 | 33 | 23N | 10W | 1949 | 3,4,5 | 2 |
| Five-Bull | 12B09 | 5700 | 25 | 20N | 10W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Freight Creek | 12A01 | 6000 | 13 | 26N | 10W | 1948 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Goat Mountain | 12B07 | 7000 | 20 | 22N | 10W | 1934 | 3,4,5 | 3 |
| Wrong Creek | 12B04 | 5700 | 32 | 25N | 10W | 1949 | 3,4,5 | 2 |
| Wrong Ridge | 12B03 | 6800 | 17 | 25N | 10W | 1949 | 3,4,5 | 2 |
| **JUDITH RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Avalanche | 9C02 | 7100 | 24 | 12N | 17E | 1966 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Crystal Lake | 9C01 | 6100 | 19 | 12N | 18E | 1941 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Rock Creek | 9C03 | 5600 | 8 | 12N | 18E | 1966 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Spur Park | 10C06 | 8000 | 20 | 12N | 9E | 1963 | 1,2,3,4,5, 6 | 1 |
| **UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Bald Ridge | 10C05 | 7500 | 11 | 4N | 10E | 1961 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Camp Senia | 9D01 | 7890 | 2 | 8S | 18E | 1937 | 3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1 |
| Cooke Station | 9D07 | 8150 | 19 | 9S | 15E | 1966 | 3,4,5 | 2 |
| Crevice Mountain | 10D05 | 8400 | 22 | 9S | 9E | 1935 | 3,4 | 2 |
| Fisher Creek | 9D06 | 9100 | 11 | 9S | 14E | 1966 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,2 |
| Grizzly Peak | 9D05 | 8400 | 26 | 7S | 9E | 1961 | 1,2,3,4,5 | 1,2 |
| Independence | 10D06 | 8000 | 22 | 7S | 12E | 1940 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Monument Peak | 10D12 | 9000 | 22 | 7S | 12E | 1961 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Northeast Entrance | 10D07 | 7400 | 33 | 9S | 14E | 1937 | 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 | 1,6 |
| Porcupine R.S. | 10C03 | 6500 | 10 | 4N | 10E | 1938 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Sacajawea | 10D10 | 6550 | 36 | 2N | 6E | 1960 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| South Fork Shields | 10C08 | 8100 | 13 | 4N | 10E | 1965 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| Timberline Creek | 9B04 | 8850 | 13 | 8S | 18E | 1965 | 3,4,5 | 1 |
| West Rosebud | 9D02 | 7500 | 9 | 7S | 16E | 1960 | 3,4 | 4 |
| White Mill | 9D08 | 8700 | 18 | 9S | 15E | 1967 | 3,4,5 | 2 |

## SOIL MOISTURE STATIONS

### COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

| Drainage Basin & Course Name | Number | Elev. | Sec. | Twp. | Range | Record Began | Measuring Dates 1/ | Meas. By 2/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **KOOTENAI RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Baree Trail | 15B15M | 3800 | 5 | 25N | 30W | 1964 | Monthly | 2 |
| Murphy Lake R.S. | 14A10M | 3000 | 5 | 34N | 25W | 1964 | Monthly | 2 |
| Raven R.S. | 15A02M | 3050 | 2 | 26N | 29W | 1964 | Monthly | 2 |
| **FLATHEAD RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Desert Mountain | 13A02M | 5600 | 24 | 31N | 19W | 1956 | Monthly | 1 |
| Marias Pass | 13A05M | 5250 | 34 | 30N | 14W | 1950 | Monthly | 1 |
| **CLARK FORK RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Black Pine | 13C13M | 7100 | 26 | 8N | 15W | 1965 | Monthly | 1 |
| Lubrecht Forest | 13C14M | 4100 | 11 | 13N | 15W | 1961 | Monthly | 8 |
| Seeley Lake | 13B19M | 4030 | 21 | 17N | 15W | 1963 | Monthly | 2 |
| Skalkaho Summit | 13C03M | 7260 | 30 | 6N | 17W | 1964 | Monthly | 1 |
| **BITTERROOT RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Gibbons Pass | 13D18M | 7100 | 4 | 2S | 19W | 1962 | Monthly | 1 |
| Lolo Pass | 14C05M | 5250 | 11 | 10N | 24W | 1963 | Monthly | 1 |

### MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

| Drainage Basin & Course Name | Number | Elev. | Sec. | Twp. | Range | Record Began | Measuring Dates 1/ | Meas. By 2/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **BEAVERHEAD RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Lakeview | 11E13M | 6700 | 23 | 14S | 2W | 1962 | Monthly | 10 |
| **MADISON RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Red Bluff | 11D04M | 4800 | 7 | 3S | 1E | 1961 | Monthly | 7 |
| West Yellowstone | 11E07M | 6700 | 34 | 13S | 5W | 1966 | Monthly | 6 |
| **GALLATIN RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Bridger Bowl | 10D15M | 7250 | 25 | 1N | 6E | 1965 | Monthly | 1 |
| College Site | 11D02M | 4856 | 18 | 2S | 5E | 1956 | Monthly | 1 |
| Lick Creek | 10D13M | 6860 | 10 | 4S | 6E | 1965 | Monthly | 1 |
| Twenty-One Mile | 11E06M | 7150 | 1 | 11S | 5E | 1963 | Monthly | 6 |
| **MISSOURI RIVER MAIN STEM** | | | | | | | | |
| Kings Hill | 10C01M | 7420 | 34 | 13N | 8E | 1963 | Monthly | 1 |
| Stemple Pass | 12C08M | 6350 | 16 | 13N | 7W | 1963 | Monthly | 1 |
| **YELLOWSTONE RIVER** | | | | | | | | |
| Battle Ridge | 10D11M | 6020 | 32 | 2N | 7E | 1960 | Monthly | 1 |
| Northeast Entrance | 10D07M | 7350 | 33 | 9S | 14E | 1962 | Monthly | 6 |

### LEGEND

1/ Numerals 1,2,3,4,5,$5\frac{1}{2}$,6 refer to January 1, February 1, March 1, April 1, May 1, May 15 and June 1.

2/ Numerals refer to Agency that makes the snow survey as follows:

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2. U. S. Forest Service
3. U. S. Geological Survey
4. Montana Power Company
5. U. S. Indian Service
6. U. S. National Park Service
7. MSU Agricultural Experiment Station
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11. Private Cooperator
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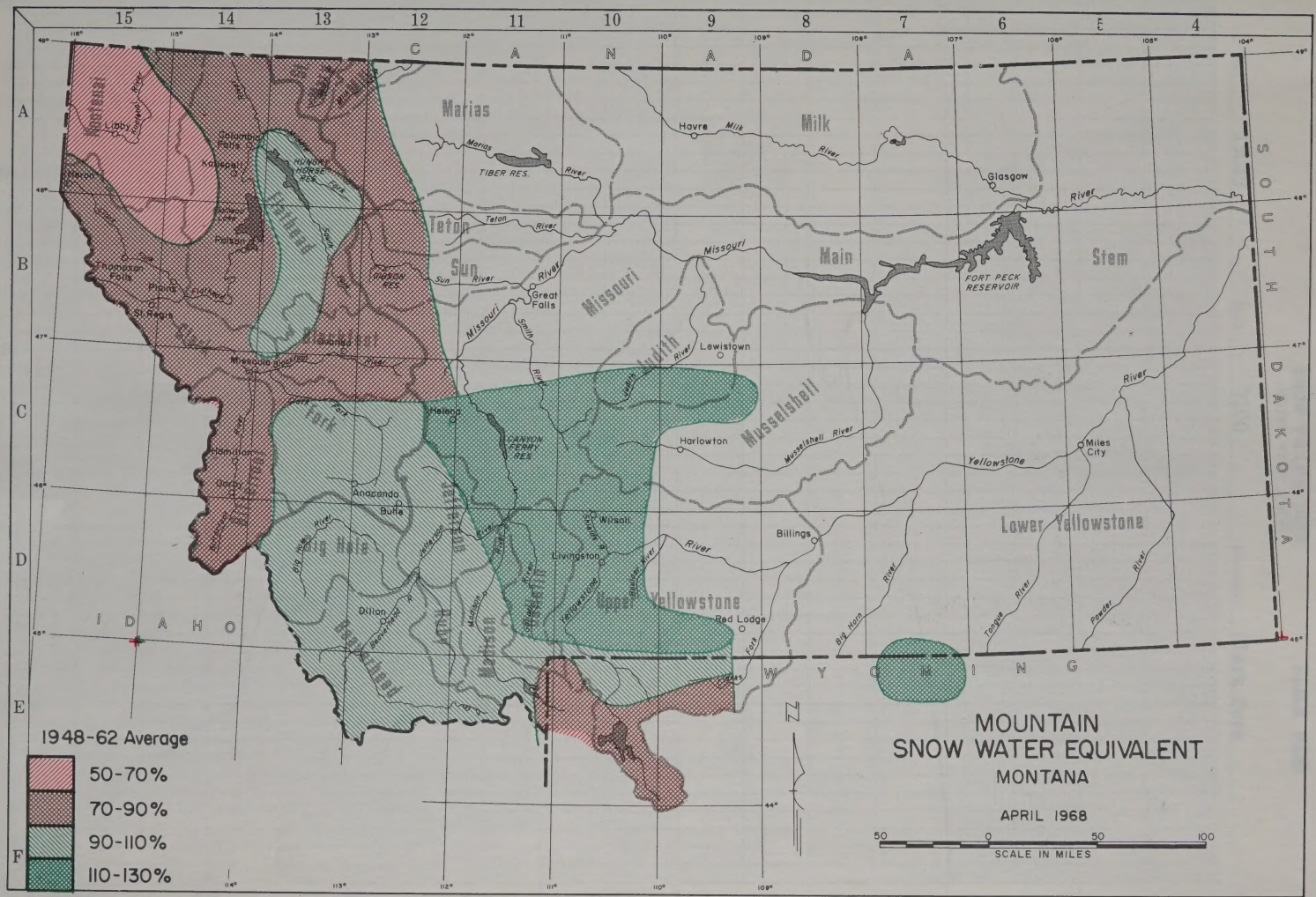


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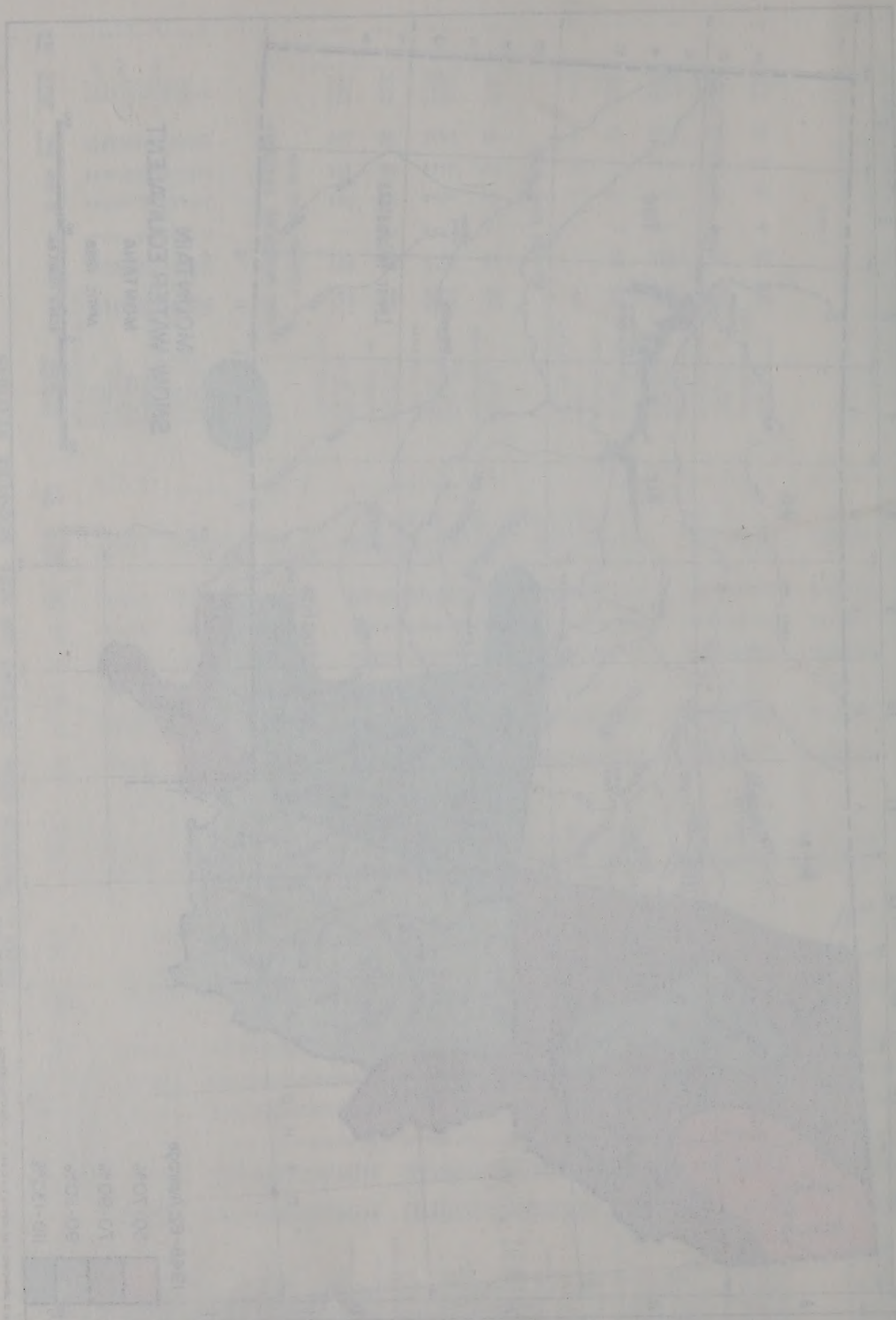

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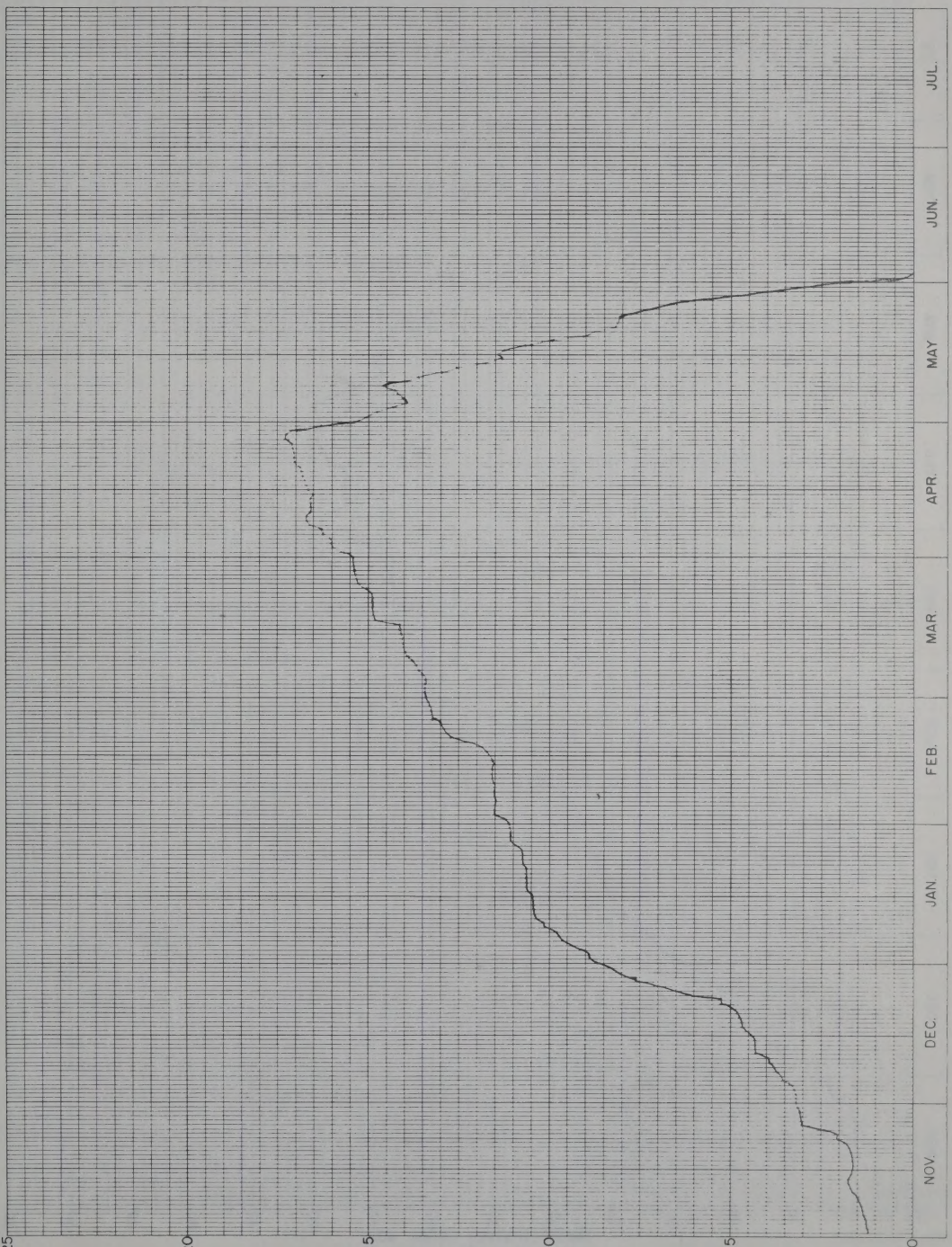

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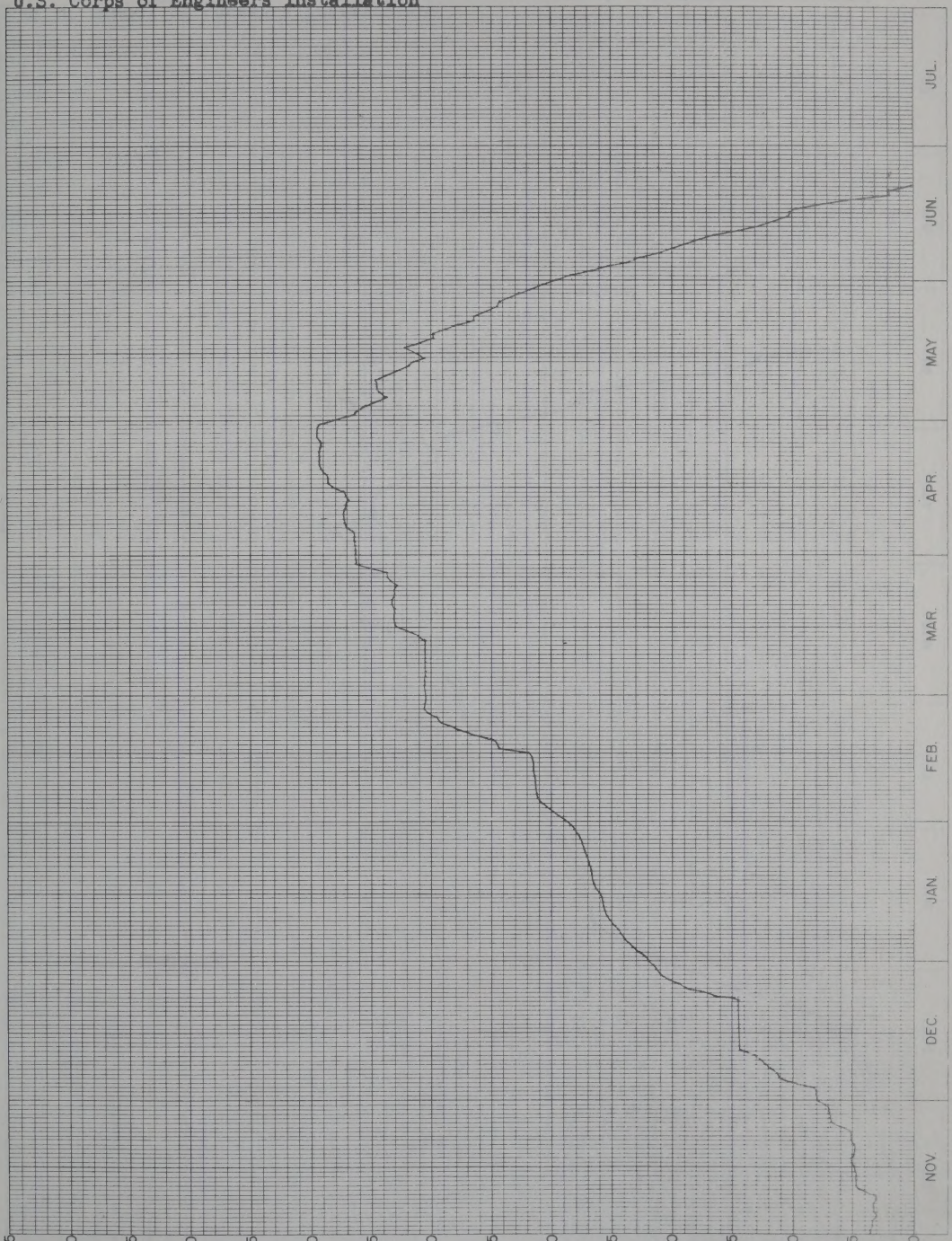




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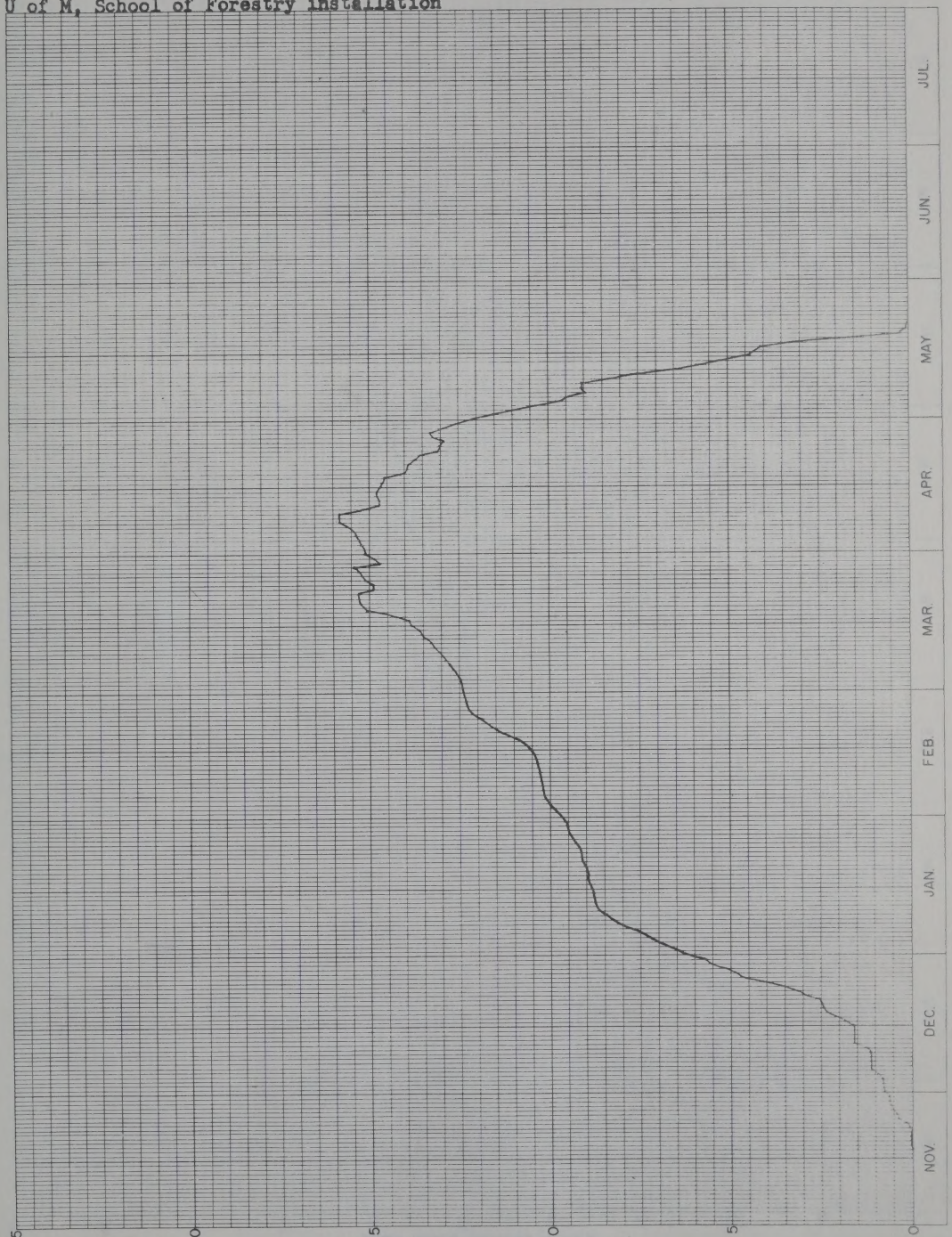




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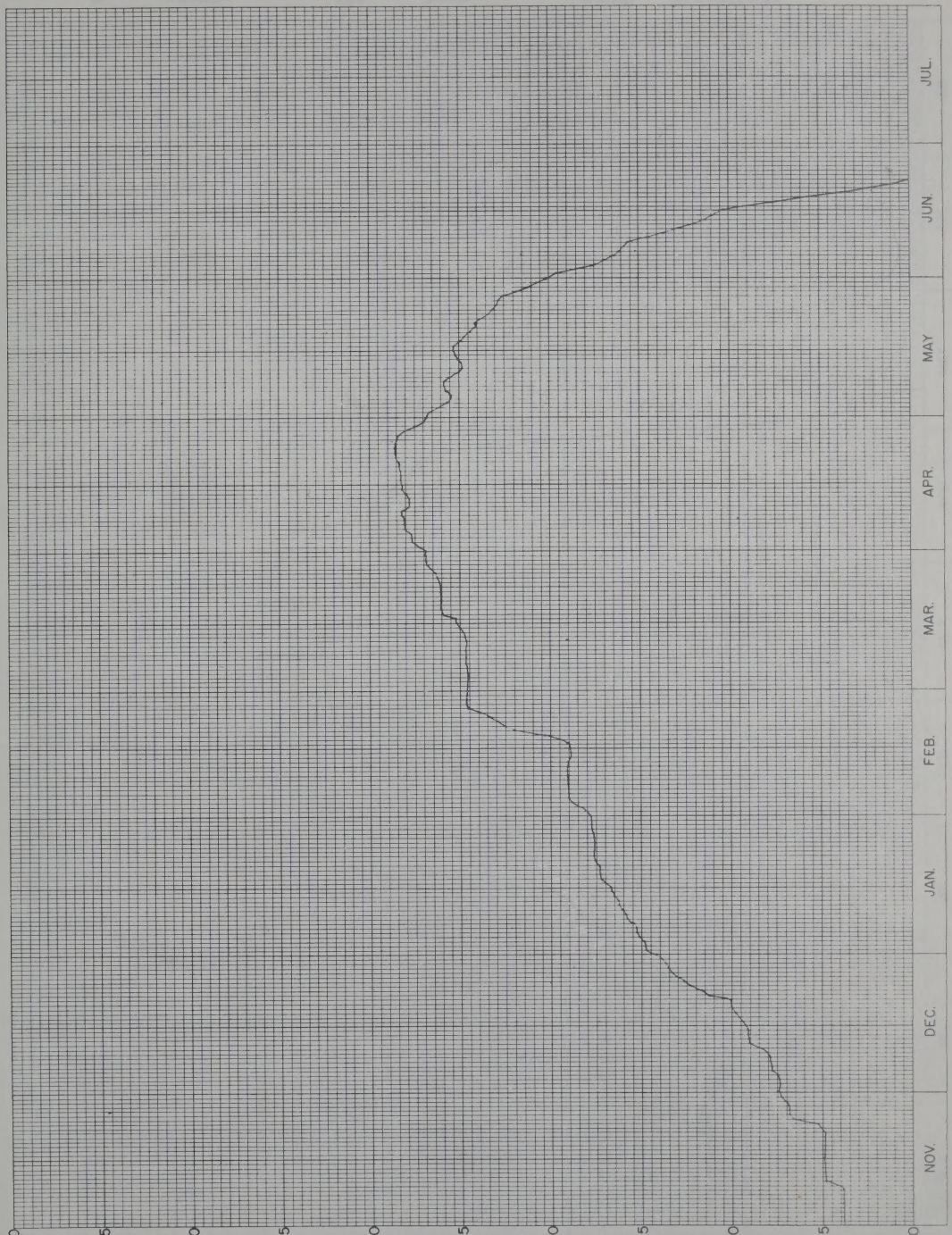




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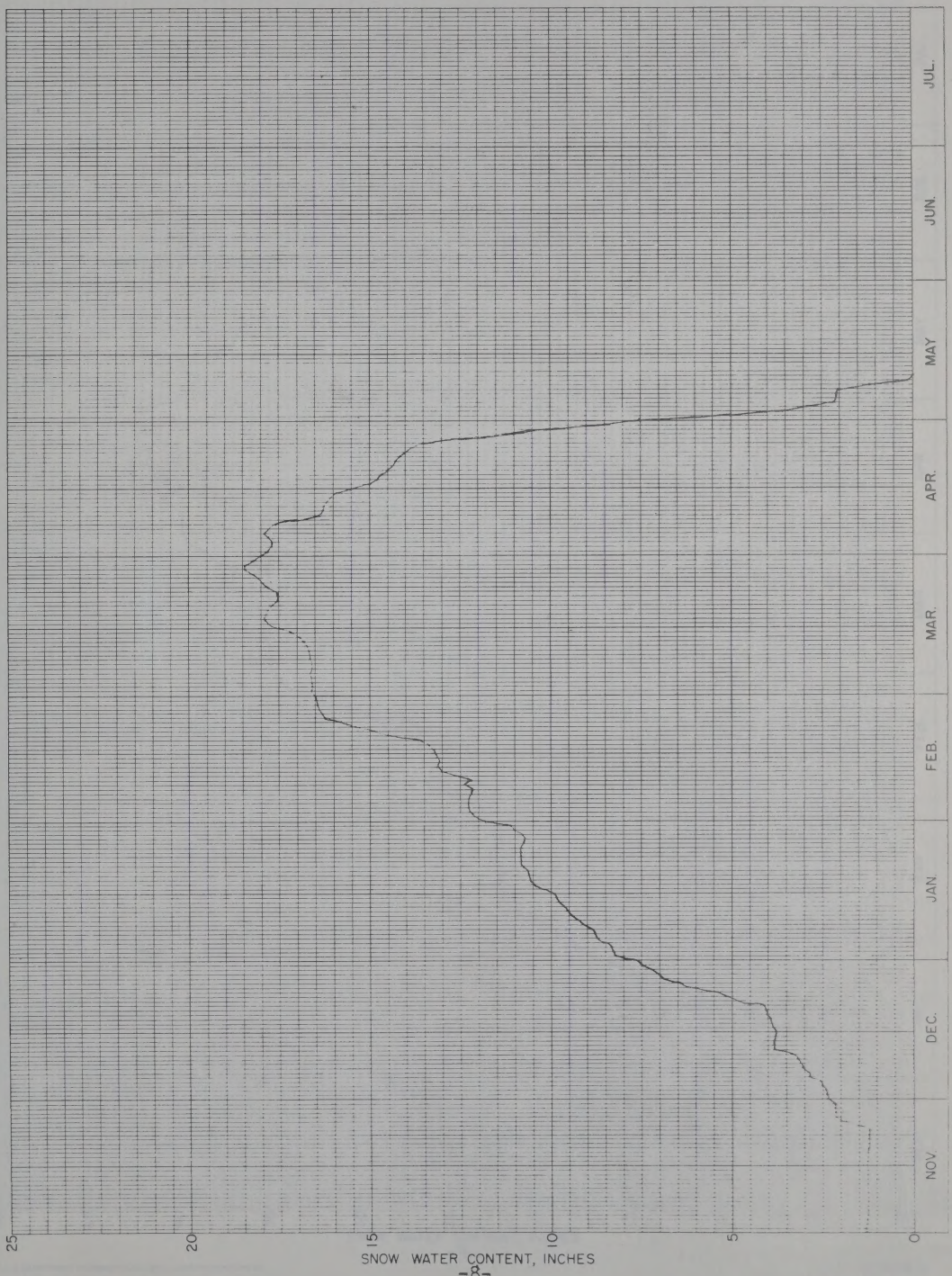

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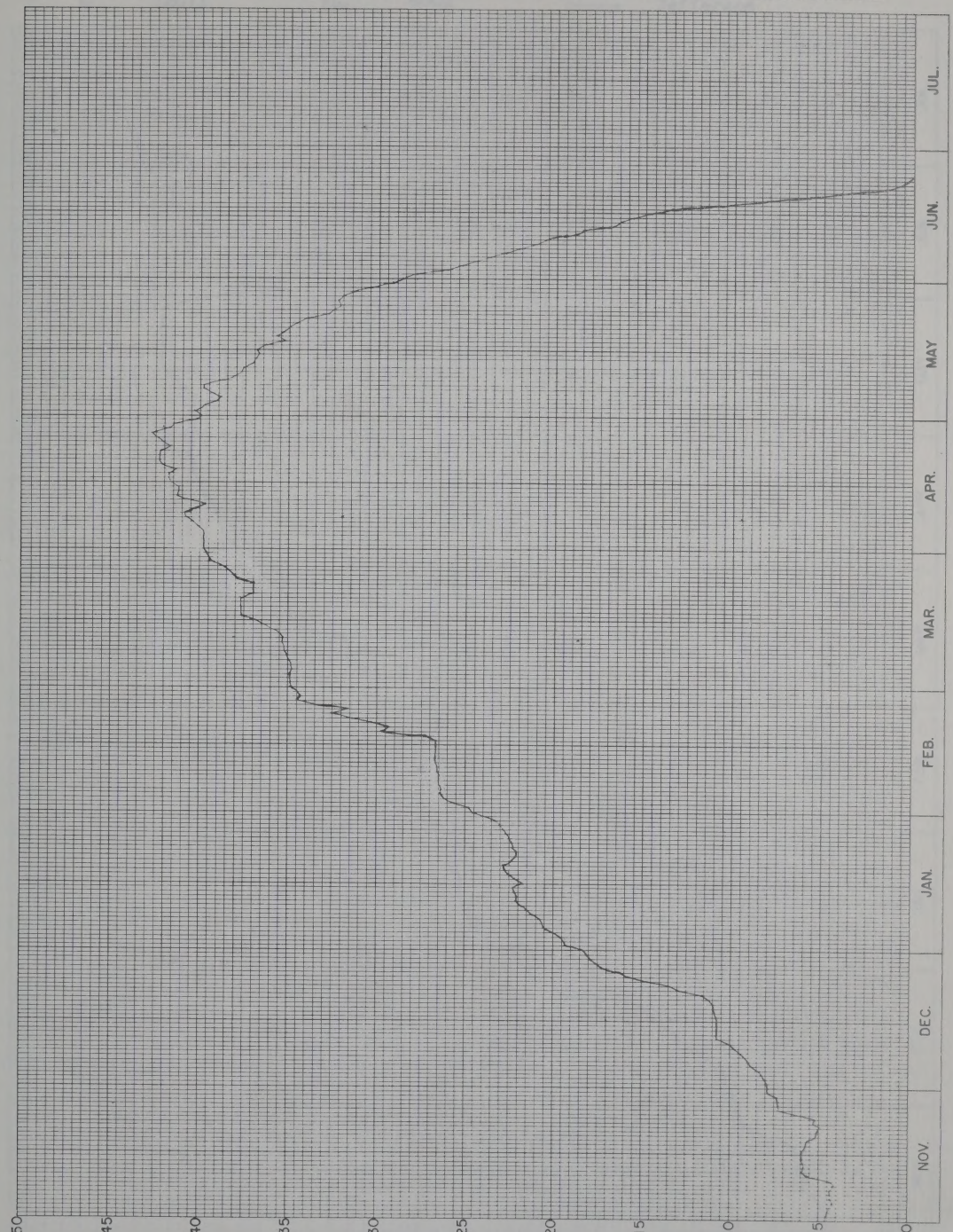




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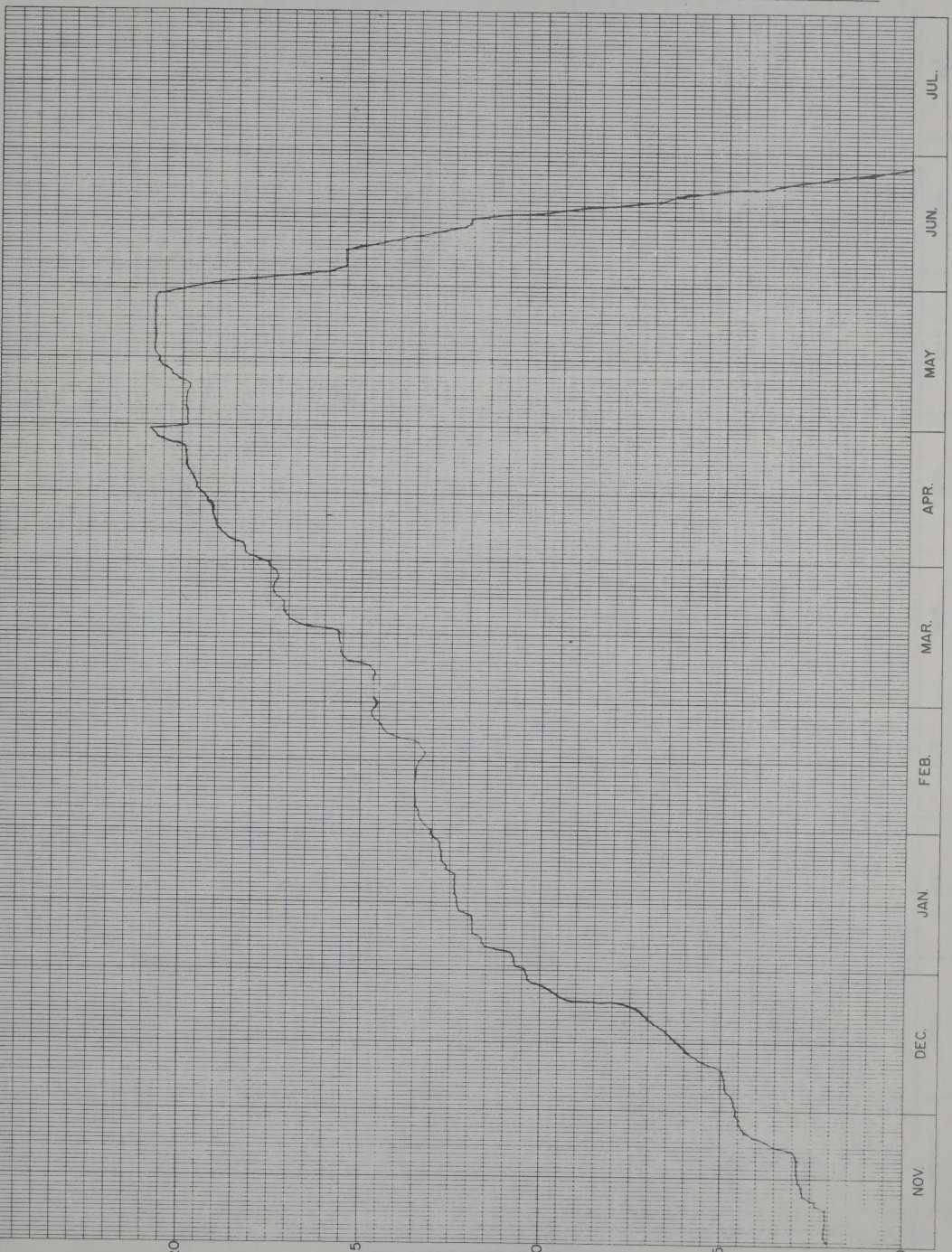

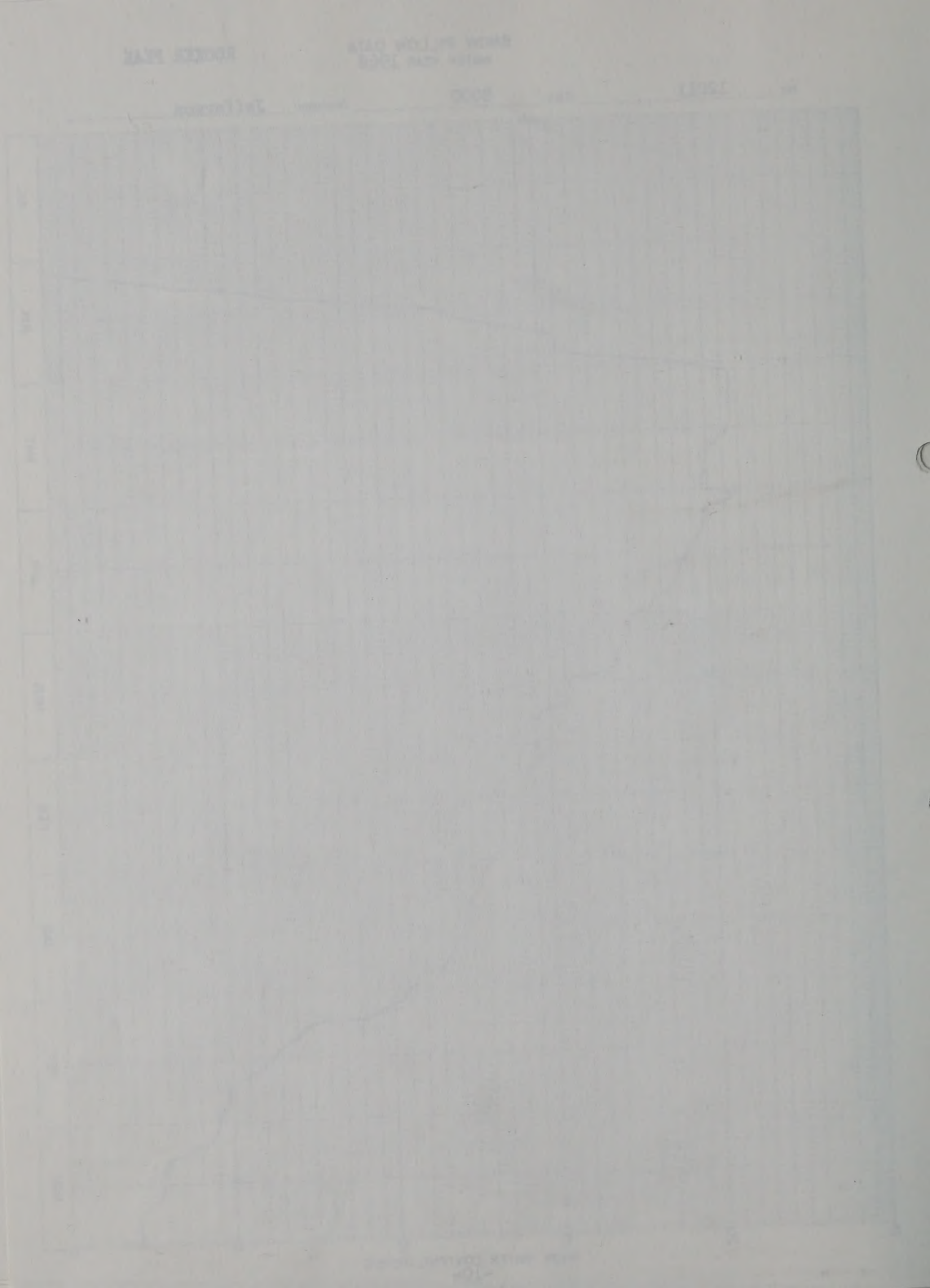

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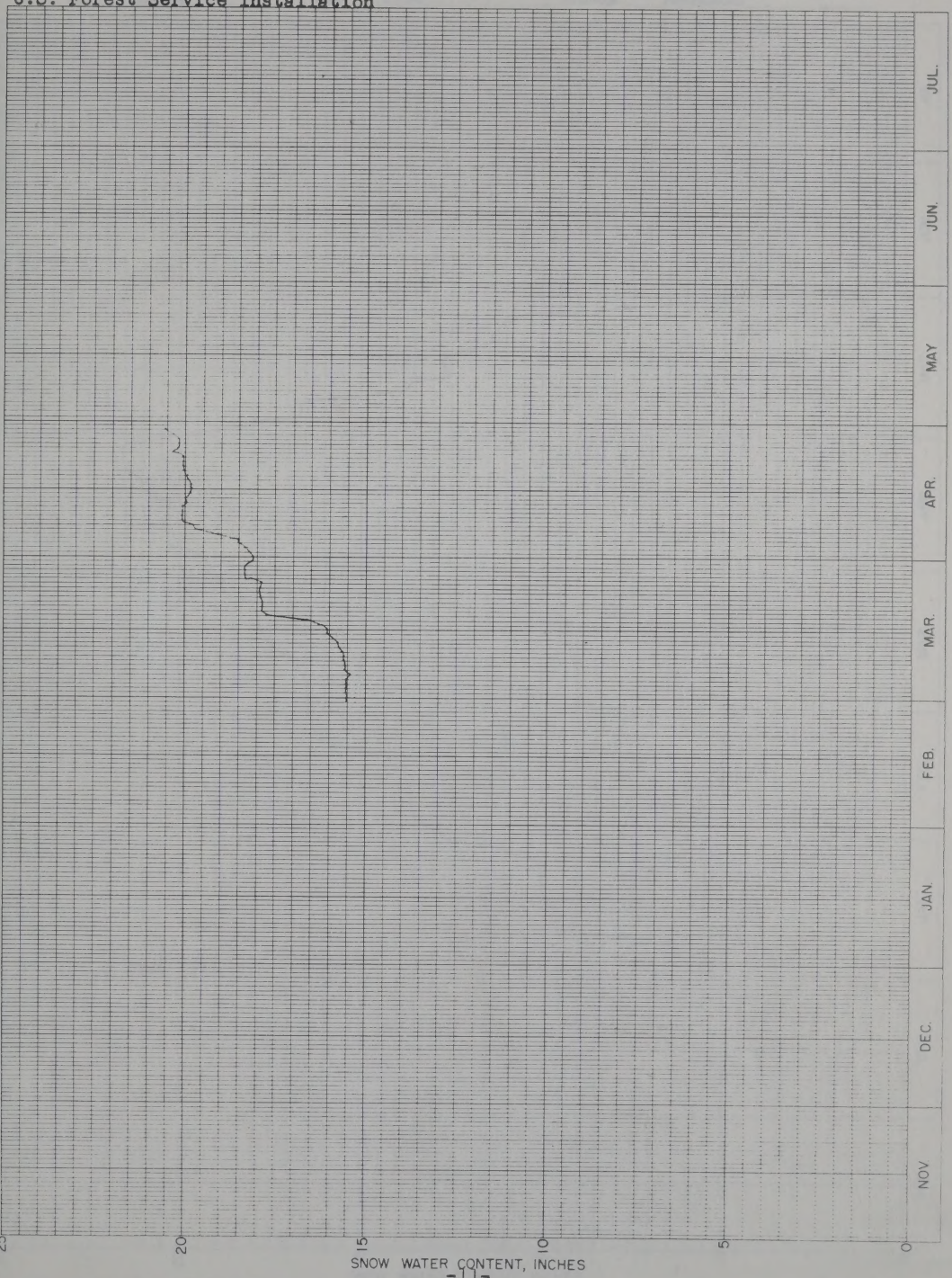

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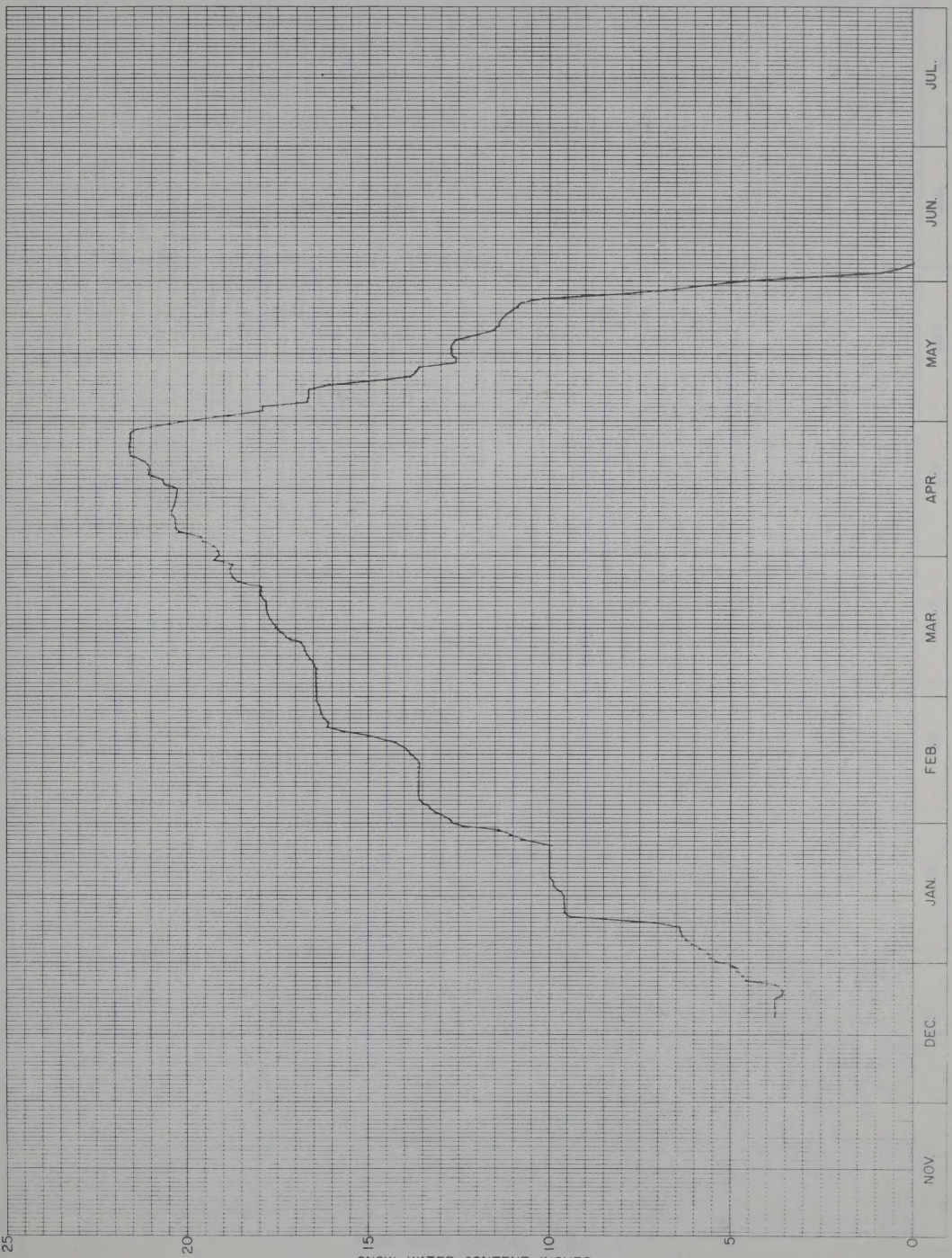

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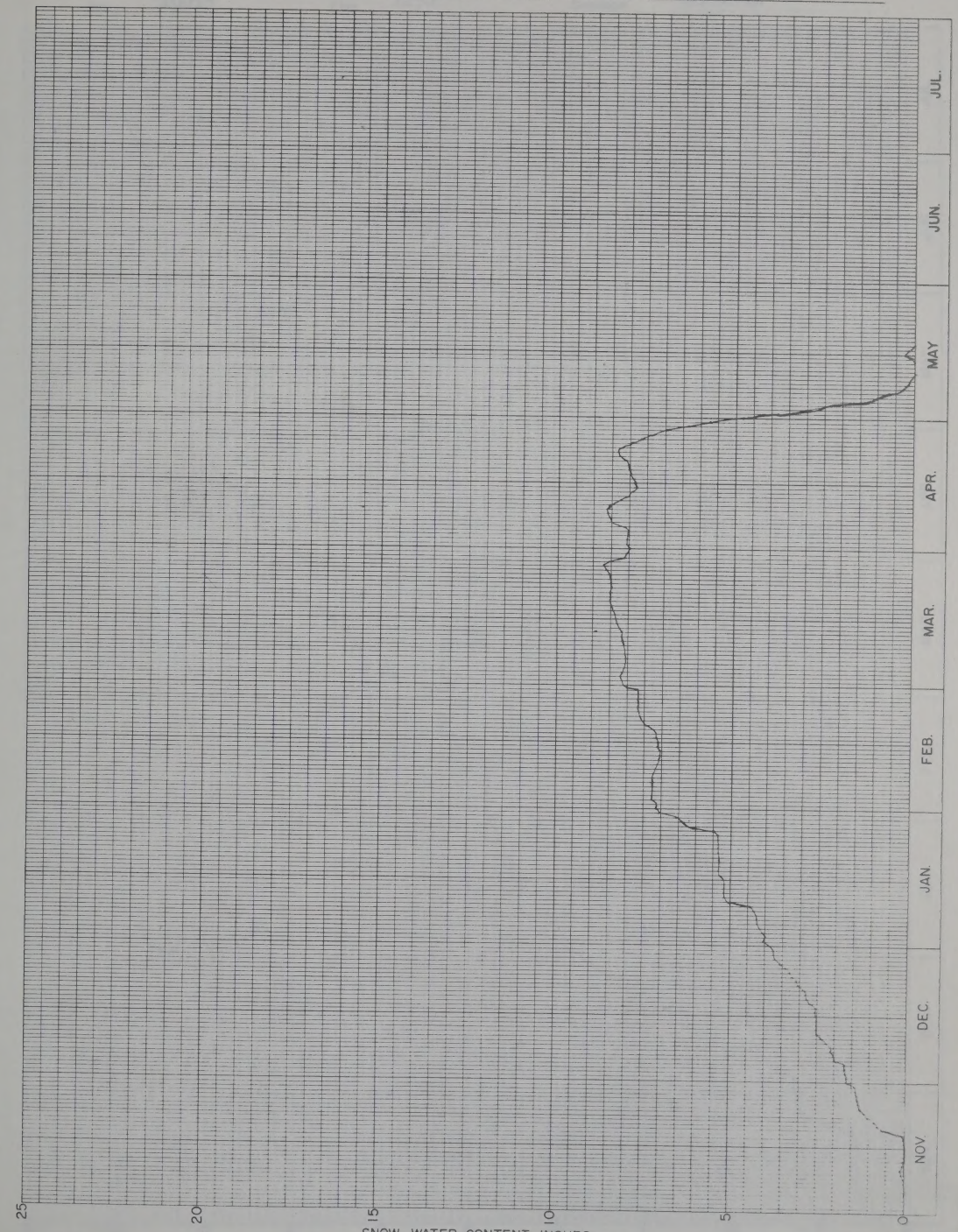

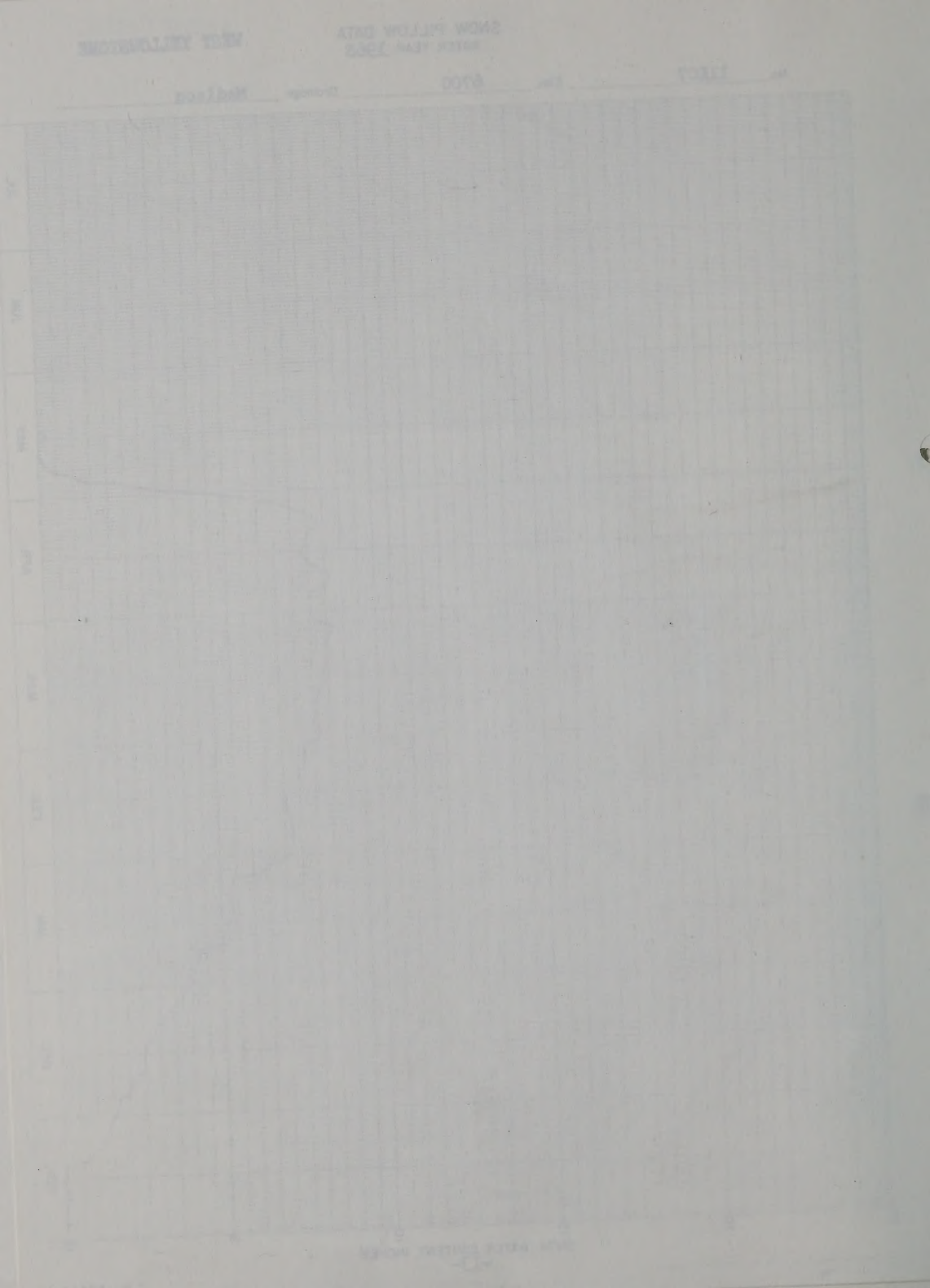

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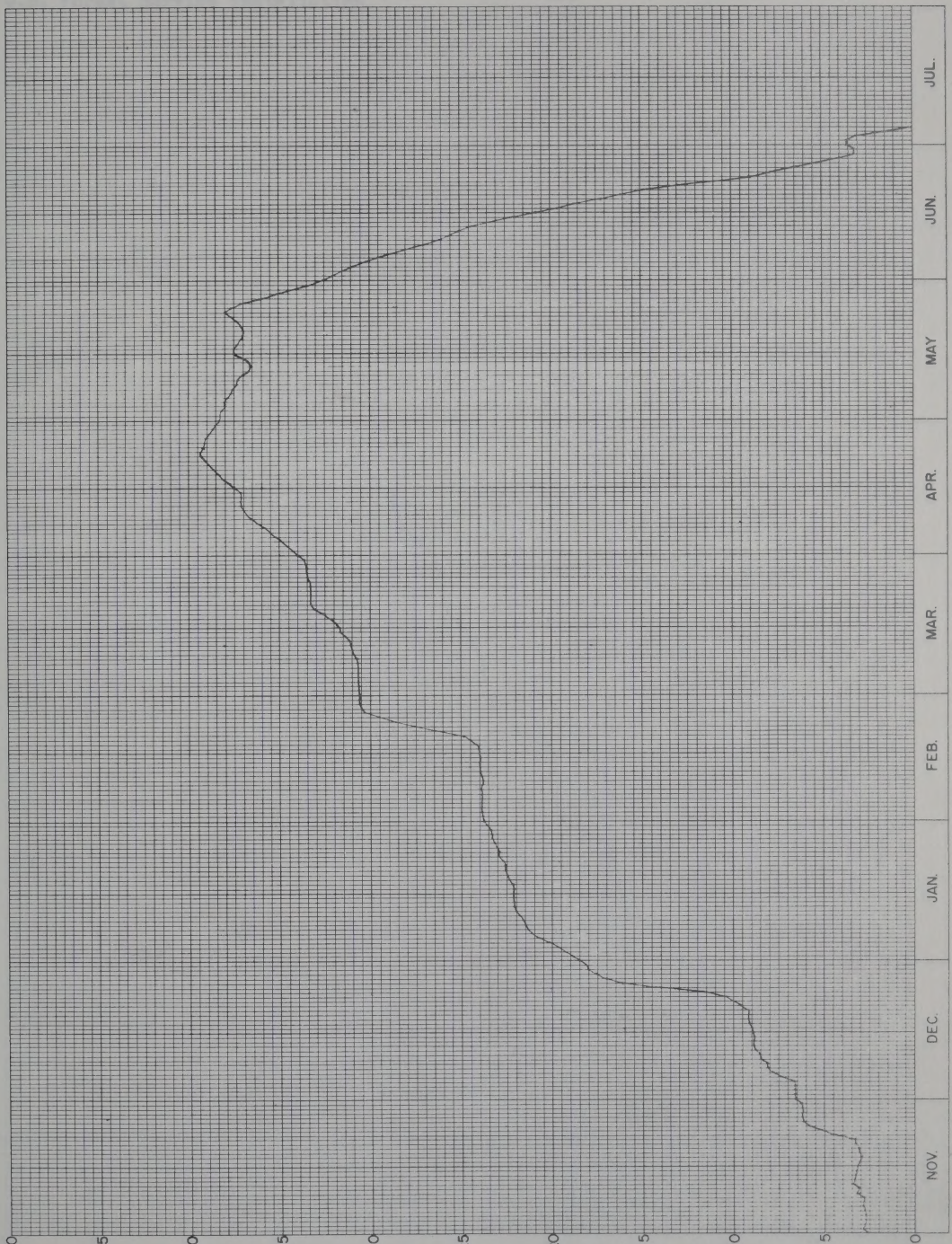




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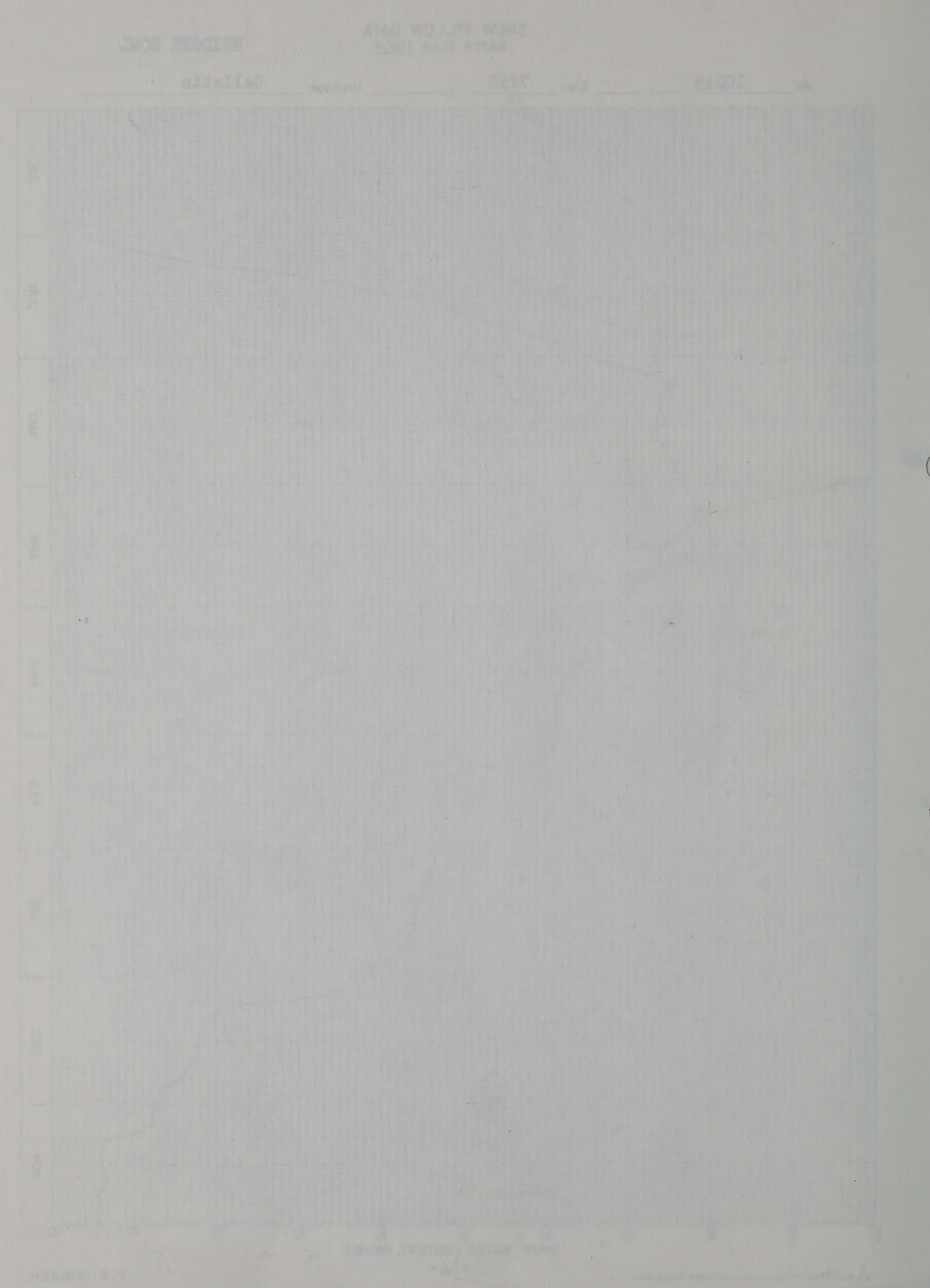

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CARROT BASIN

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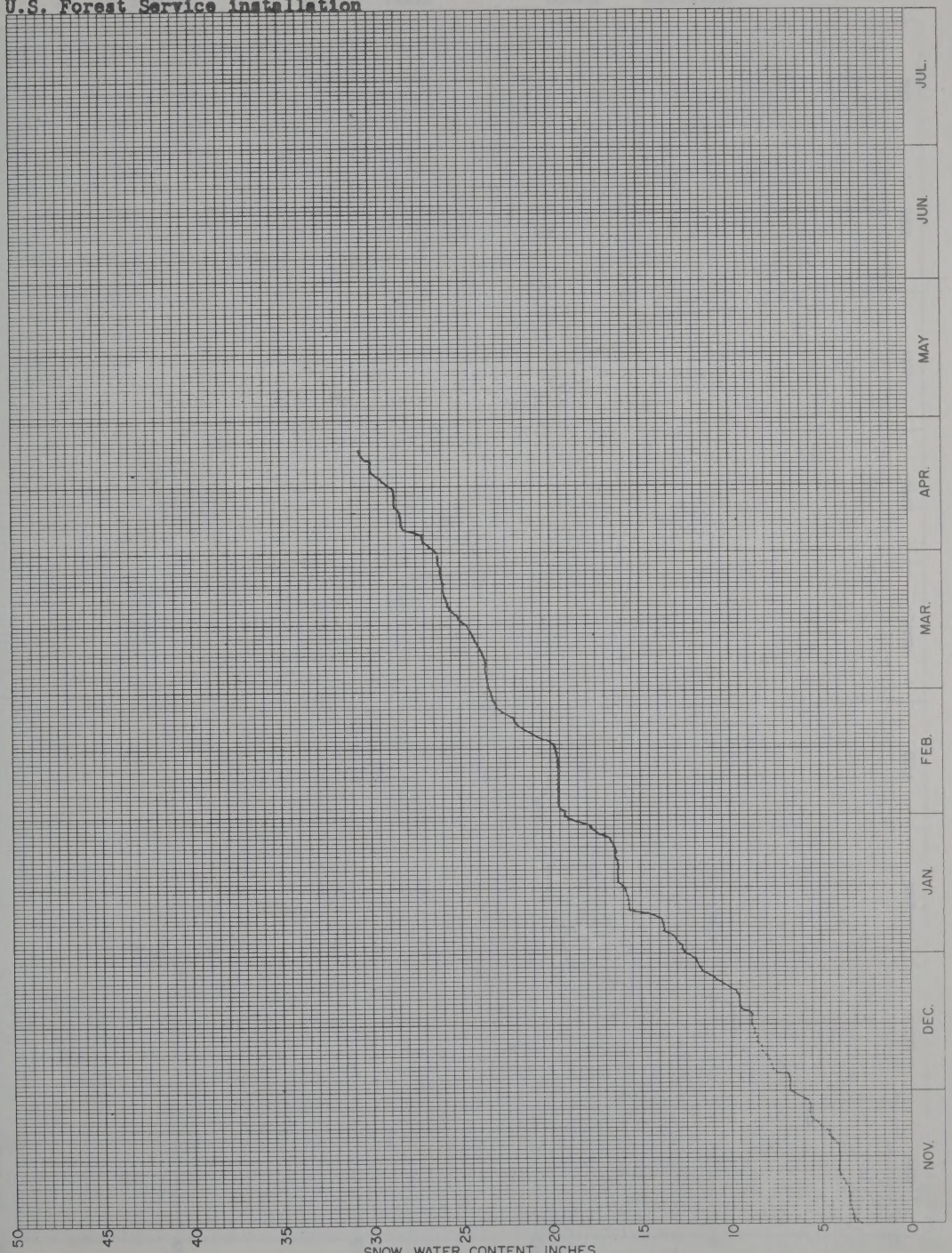




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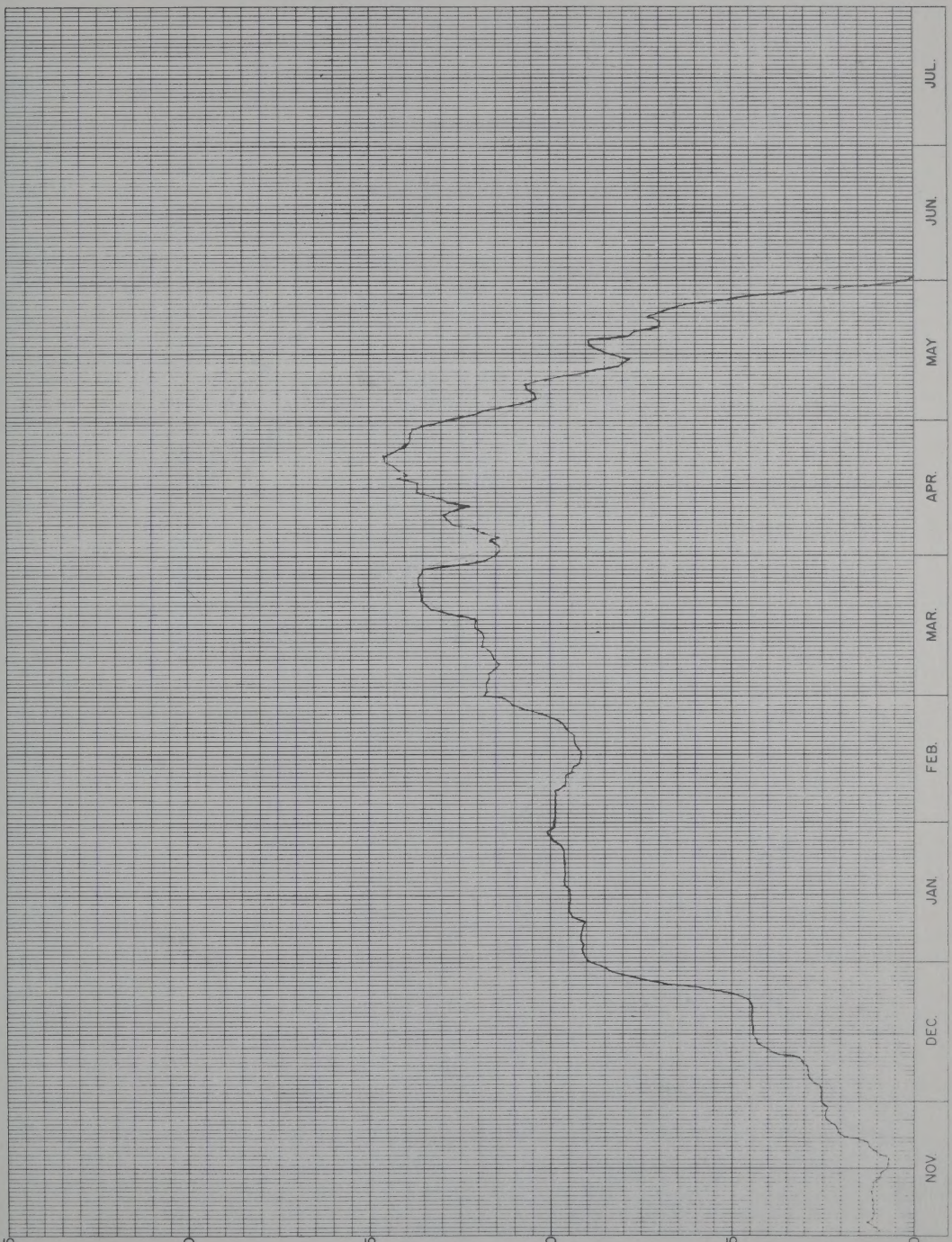




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MAYNARD CREEK

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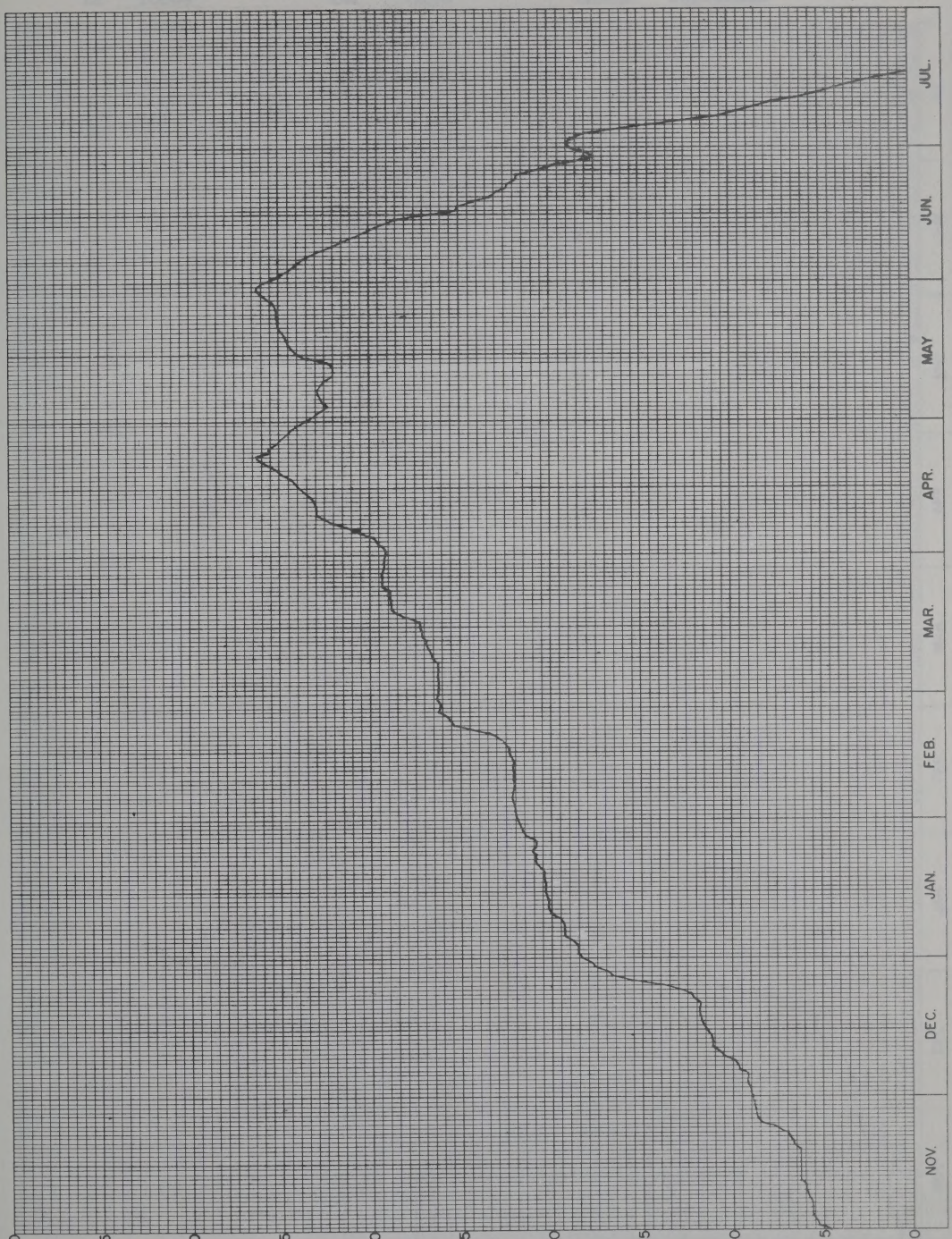




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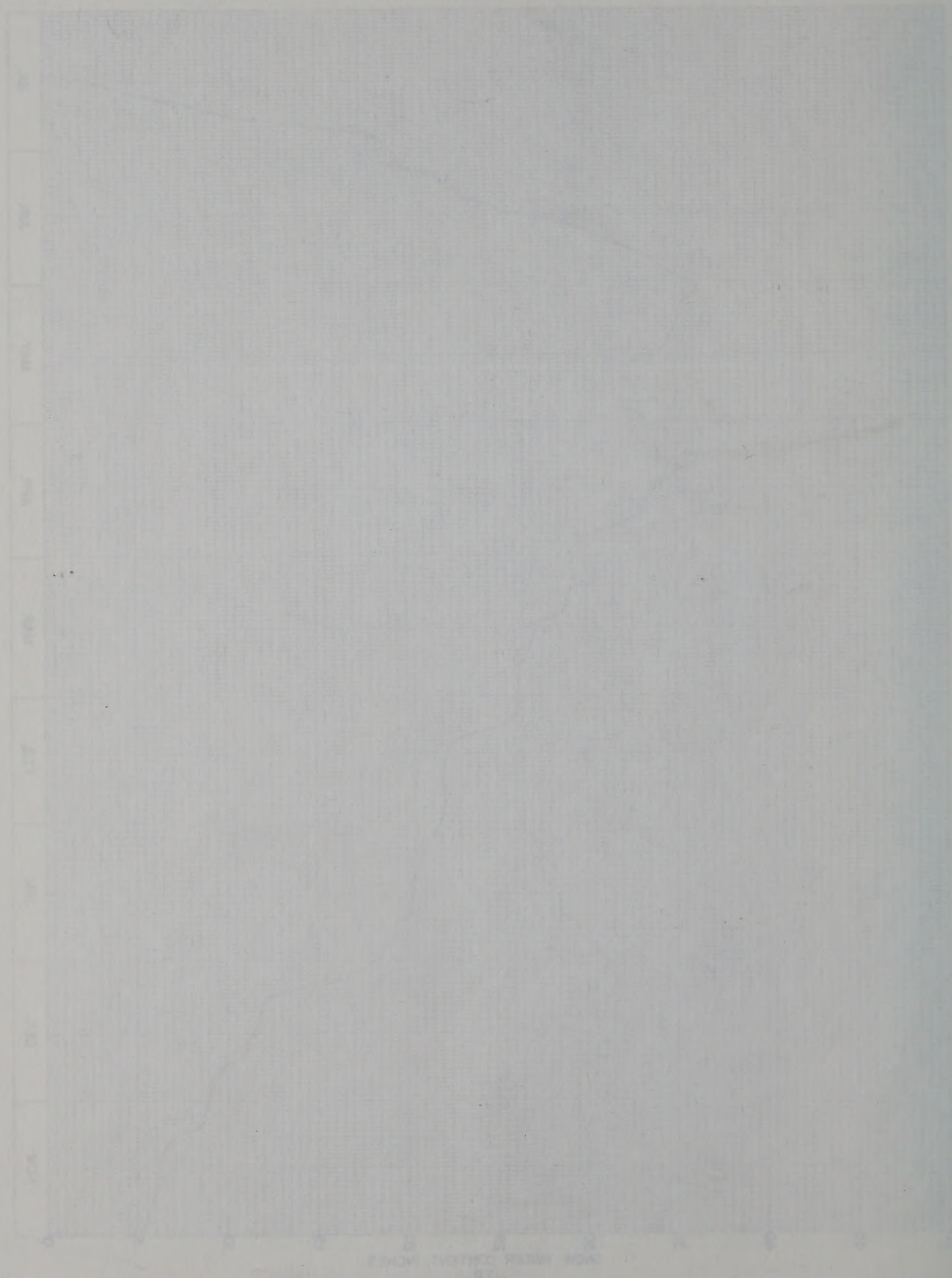

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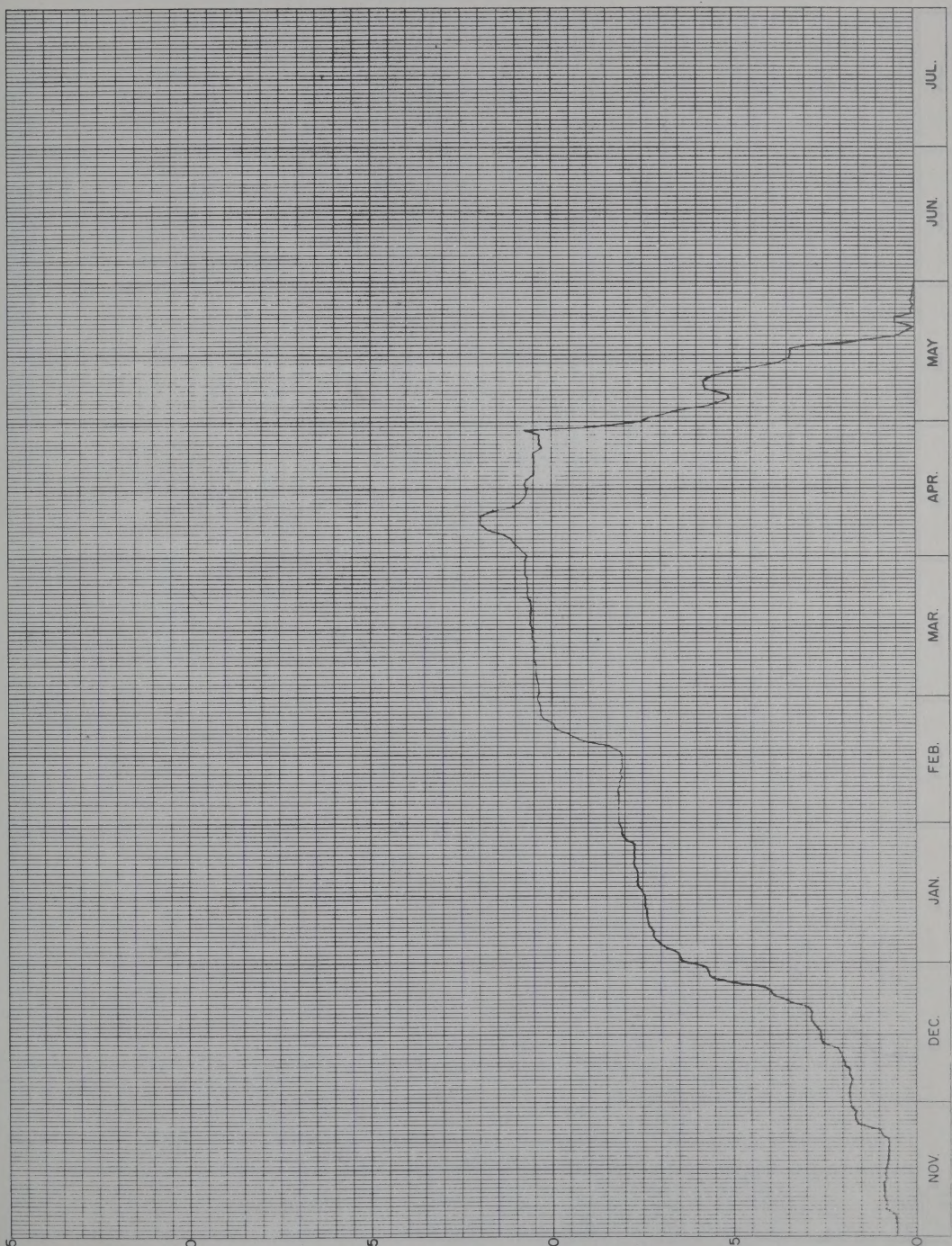




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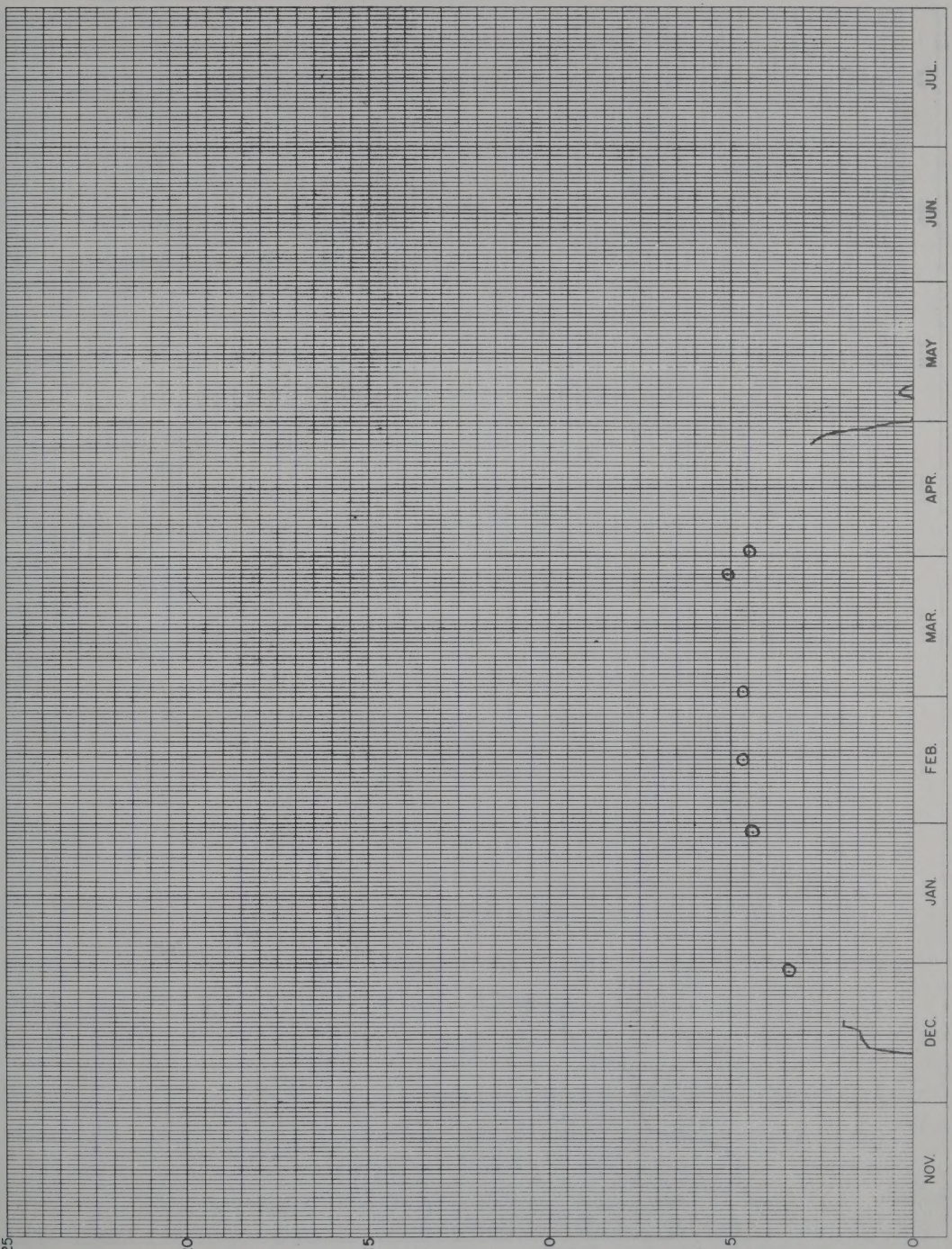

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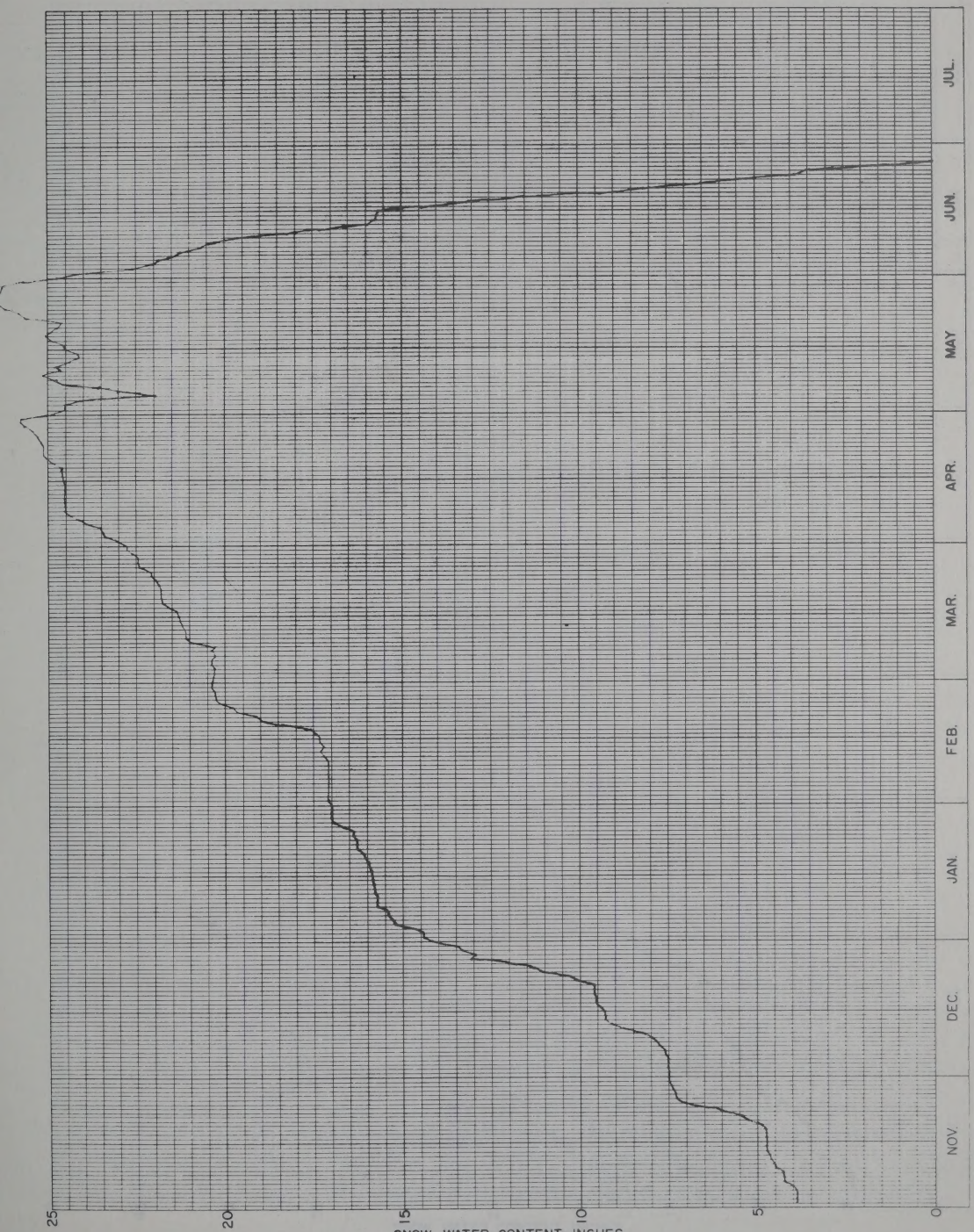




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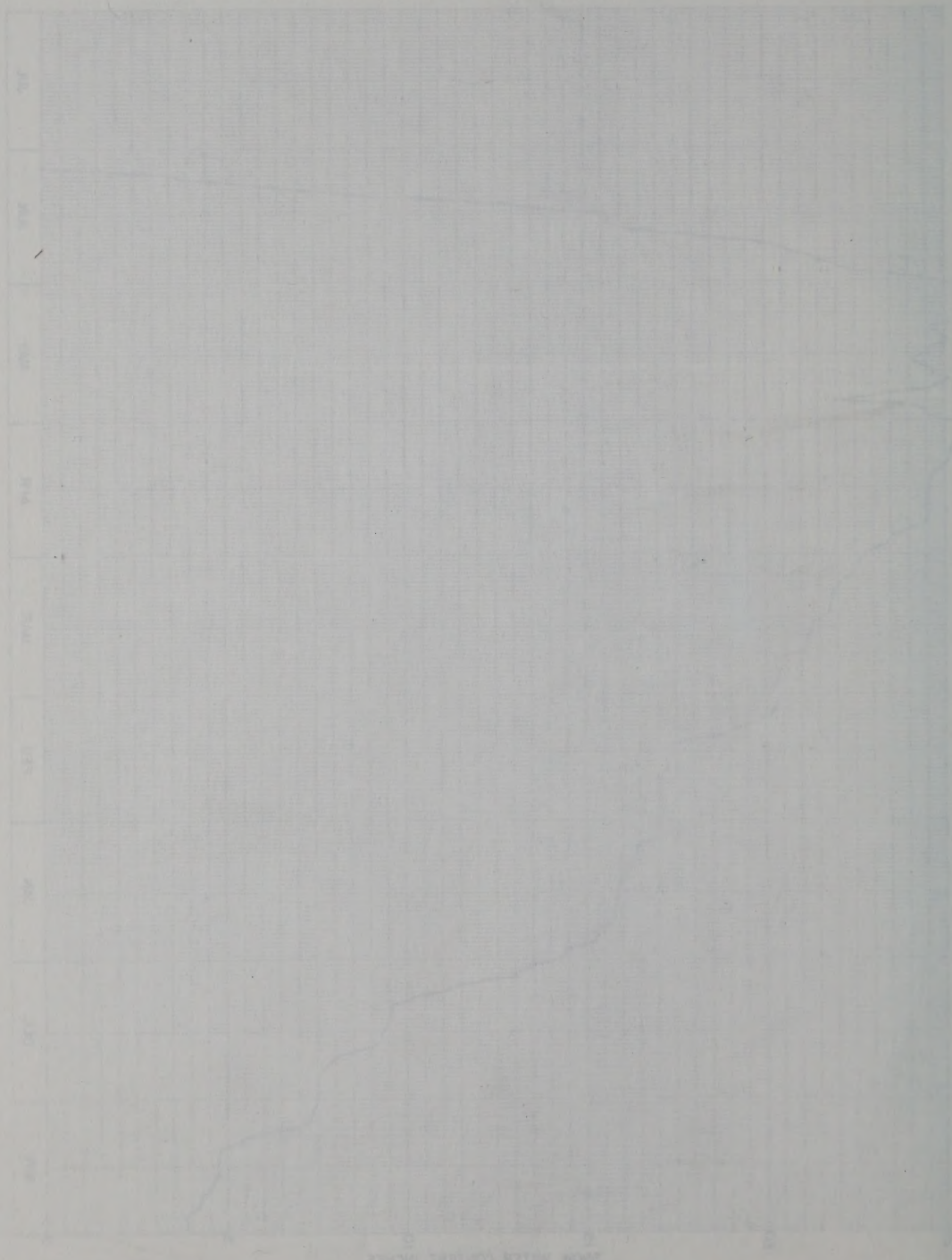

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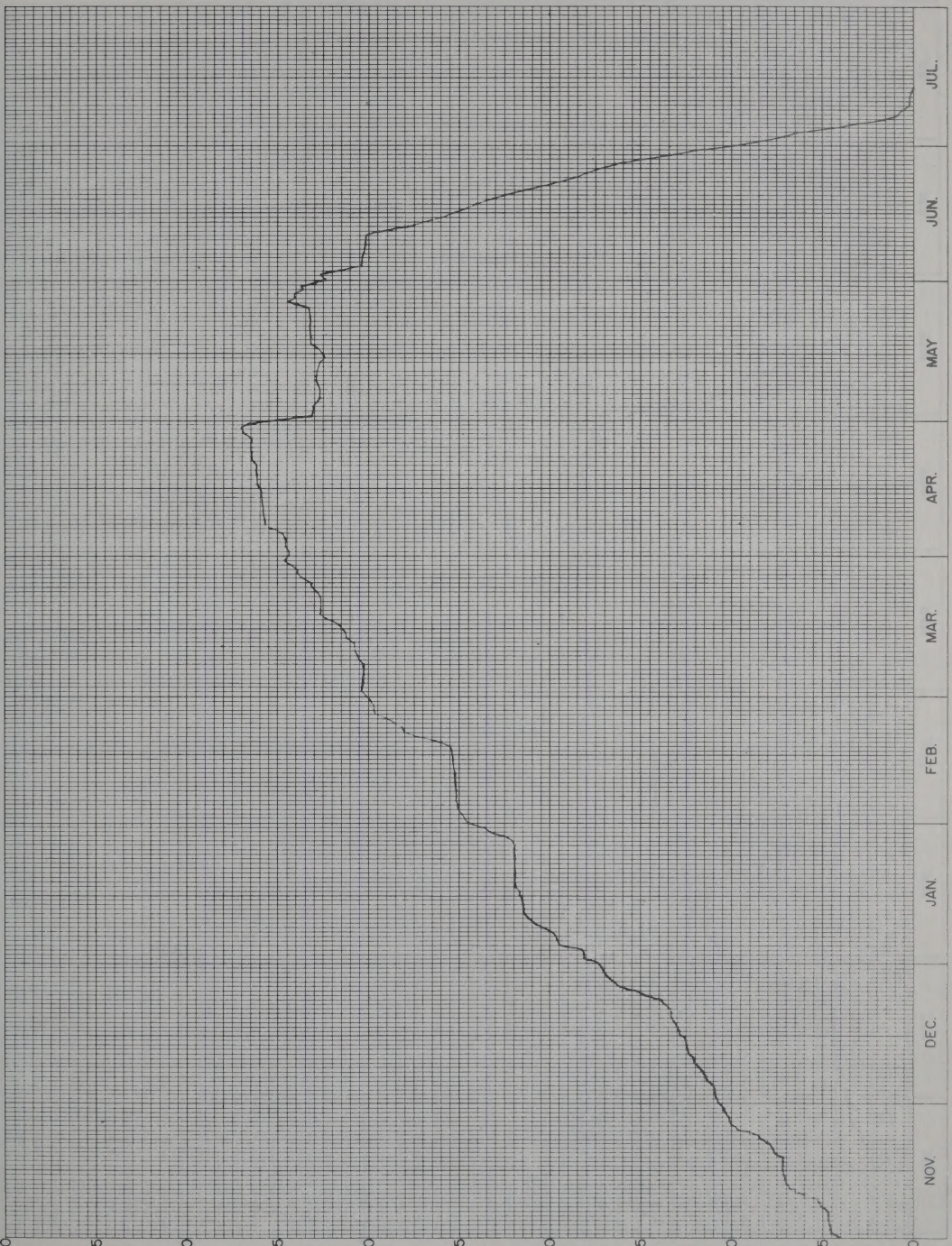




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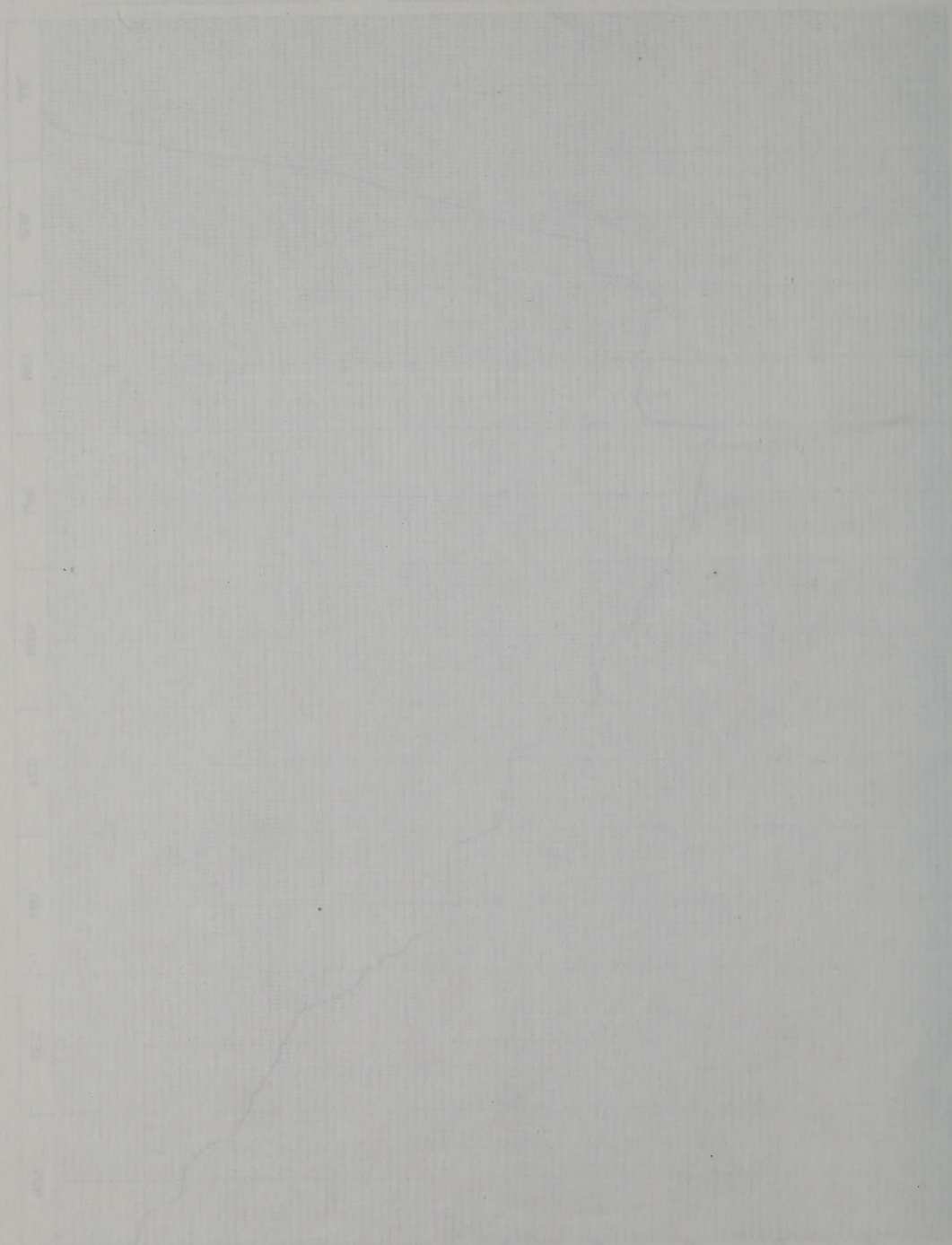

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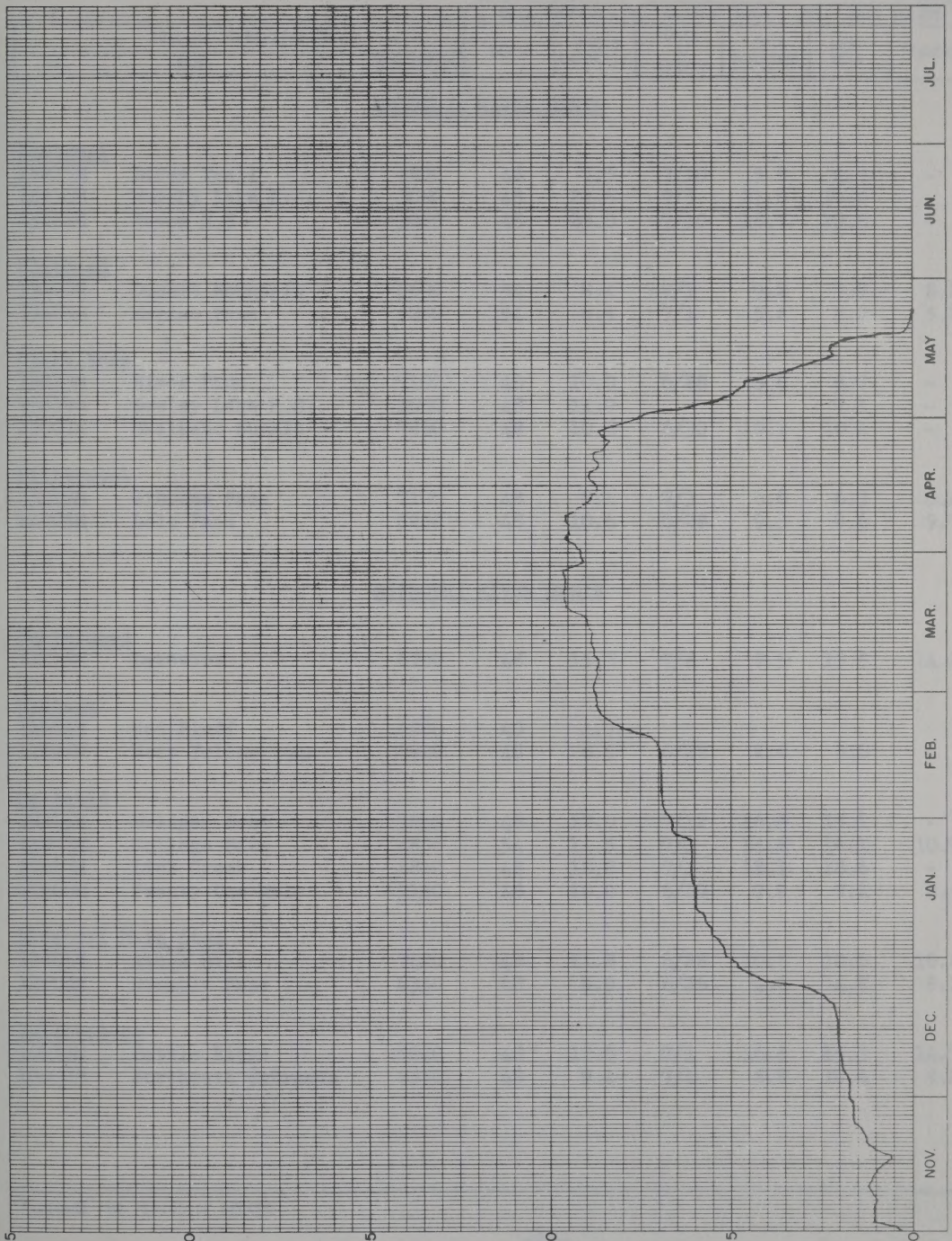

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| **COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN** | | | | | | | | |
| Kootenai | | | | | | | | |
| 15B15M | Baree Trail | 3800 | 48 | 7.5 | 7/10 | 5.5 | 4.5 | - |
| 14A10M | Murphy Lake R.S. | 3000 | 48 | 22.6 | 7/5 | 21.0 | 19.0 | - |
| 15A02M | Raven R.S. | 3050 | 48 | 23.0 | 7/10 | 18.7 | 20.8 | - |
| Flathead | | | | | | | | |
| 13A02M | Desert Mountain | 5600 | 54 | 8.4 | 7/1 | 9.2 | 7.9 | 8.2 |
| 13A05M | Marias Pass | 5250 | 54 | 6.5 | 7/1 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| Clark Fork | | | | | | | | |
| 13C13M | Black Pine | 7100 | 48 | 10.0 | 6/28 | 8.8 | 8.7 | - |
| 13B19M | Seeley Lake R.S. | 4030 | 48 | 11.9 | | | 9.1 | - |
| 13C03M | Skalkaho Summit | 7260 | 48 | 10.8 | 6/30 | 10.2 | 10.4 | - |
| Bitterroot | | | | | | | | |
| 13D18M | Gibbons Pass | 7100 | 48 | 7.1 | 7/3 | 6.6 | 6.3 | 6.4 |
| 14C05M | Lolo Pass | 5250 | 48 | 10.6 | 6/28 | 9.3 | 9.6 | 9.7 |
| **MISSOURI RIVER BASIN** | | | | | | | | |
| Beaverhead | | | | | | | | |
| 11E13M | Lakeview | 6700 | 48 | 15.3 | 7/8 | 7.5 | 13.5 | 14.2 |
| Madison | | | | | | | | |
| 11D04M | Red Bluff | 4800 | 40 | 4.7 | | | | |
| 11E07M | West Yellowstone | 6700 | 48 | 6.5 | 6/28 | 2.6 | 3.6 | - |
| Gallatin | | | | | | | | |
| 10D15M | Bridger Bowl | 7250 | 48 | 17.0 | 7/12 | 16.8 | 15.1 | - |
| 11D02M | College Site | 4856 | 54 | 14.5 | 7/1 | 14.8 | 16.1 | 10.9 |
| 10D13M | Lick Creek | 6860 | 48 | 18.8 | 7/3 | 18.1 | 18.6 | - |
| 11E06M | Twenty-One Mile | 7150 | 48 | 10.0 | 6/29 | 7.9 | 9.4 | 8.5 |
| Missouri Main Stem | | | | | | | | |
| 10C01M | Kings Hill | 7420 | 48 | 11.8 | 6/28 | 10.8 | 10.6 | 10.8 |
| 12C08M | Stemple Pass | 6350 | 48 | 5.9 | 6/26 | 4.6 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| 10D11M | Battle Ridge | 6020 | 48 | 17.6 | 7/1 | 16.5 | 15.3 | 14.7 |
| 10D07M | Northeast Entrance | 7350 | 48 | 9.4 | 7/1 | 8.8 | 10.4 | 9.2 |

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AS OF AUGUST 1, 1968

(Inches)

| SOIL MOISTURE STATION | | | SOIL PROFILE | | CURRENT DATA | | PAST RECORD | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NO. | NAME | ELEVATION | DEPTH | FIELD CAPACITY | DATE OF SURVEY | SOIL MOISTURE | LAST YEAR | **AVERAGE |
| **COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN** | | | | | | | | |
| Kootenai | | | | | | | | |
| 15B15M | Baree Trail | 3800 | 48 | 7.5 | 8/11 | 3.3 | - | - |
| 14A10M | Murphy Lake R.S. | 3000 | 48 | 22.6 | 8/1 | 18.5 | 18.5 | - |
| 15A02M | Raven R.S. | 3050 | 48 | 23.0 | 8/1 | 16.8 | - | - |
| Flathead | | | | | | | | |
| 13A02M | Desert Mountain | 5600 | 54 | 8.4 | 8/1 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.2 |
| 13A05M | Marias Pass | 5250 | 54 | 6.5 | 7/31 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.8 |
| Clark Fork | | | | | | | | |
| 13C13M | Black Pine | 7100 | 48 | 10.0 | 7/22 | 8.6 | 8.7 | - |
| 13B19M | Seeley Lake R.S. | 4030 | 48 | 11.9 | | | - | - |
| 13C03M | Skalkaho Summit | 7260 | 48 | 10.8 | 7/22 | 10.5 | 10.6 | - |
| Bitterroot | | | | | | | | |
| 13D18M | Gibbons Pass | 7100 | 48 | 7.1 | 7/29 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| 14C05M | Lolo Pass | 5250 | 48 | 10.6 | 8/1 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 6.1 |
| **MISSOURI RIVER BASIN** | | | | | | | | |
| Beaverhead | | | | | | | | |
| 11E13M | Lakeview | 6700 | 48 | 15.3 | 8/7 | 7.5 | 9.6 | 9.1 |
| Madison | | | | | | | | |
| 11D04M | Red Bluff | 4800 | 40 | 4.7 | 8/1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| 11E07M | West Yellowstone | 6700 | 48 | 6.5 | 7/30 | 1.9 | 2.8 | - |
| Gallatin | | | | | | | | |
| 10D15M | Bridger Bowl | 7250 | 48 | 17.0 | 8/3 | 15.6 | 15.1 | - |
| 11D02M | College Site | 4856 | 54 | 14.5 | 8/2 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 7.9 |
| 10D13M | Lick Creek | 6860 | 48 | 18.8 | 8/6 | 11.6 | 17.2 | - |
| 11E06M | Twenty-One Mile | 7150 | 48 | 10.0 | 7/30 | 4.2 | 7.9 | 5.3 |
| Missouri Main Stem | | | | | | | | |
| 10C01M | Kings Hill | 7420 | 48 | 11.8 | 7/26 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 9.1 |
| 12C08M | Stemple Pass | 6350 | 48 | 5.9 | 8/5 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.3 |
| Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| 10D11M | Battle Ridge | 6020 | 48 | 17.6 | 8/2 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 10.9 |
| 10D07M | Northeast Entrance | 7350 | 48 | 9.4 | 8/1 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 6.8 |

**AVERAGE FOR PERIOD OF RECORD

# SOIL MOISTURE DATA

## AS OF AUGUST 1, 1958

| NO. | NAME | ELEVATION | SOIL MOISTURE STATION | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | DEPTH | FIELD CAPACITY | DATE OF SURVEY | SOIL MOISTURE | LAST SURVEY | *AVERAGE |

### COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

**Kootenai**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13815M | Bares Trail | 3800 | 48 | 7.5 | 8/21 | 3.9 | - | - |
| 13820M | Murphy Lake S.S. | 3000 | 48 | 22.6 | 8/2 | 18.5 | 18.5 | - |
| 13840M | Ravus R.S. | 3050 | 48 | 23.0 | 8/2 | 16.8 | - | - |

**Flathead**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13820M | Desert Mountain | 5600 | 54 | 8.4 | 8/2 | 6.4 | 6.2 | 6.1 |
| 13840M | Marias Pass | 5250 | 54 | 6.5 | 7/31 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.8 |

**Glacier Park**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13810M | Black Pine | 7100 | 48 | 10.0 | 7/22 | 8.6 | 8.7 | - |
| 13815M | Rooley Lake R.S. | 4030 | 48 | 11.9 | | | - | - |
| 13820M | Sheldon Summit | 7260 | 48 | 10.8 | 7/22 | 10.5 | 10.6 | - |

**Blackwood**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13810M | Gibbons Pass | 7100 | 48 | 7.1 | 7/29 | 4.3 | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| 13820M | Lolo Pass | 5250 | 48 | 10.6 | 8/2 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 6.3 |

### MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

**Beaverhead**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11815M | Lakeview | 6700 | 48 | 15.3 | 8/7 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 9.1 |

**Madison**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11800M | Red Bluff | 6800 | 40 | 4.7 | 8/1 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| 11820M | West Yellowstone | 6700 | 48 | 6.5 | 7/30 | 1.9 | 2.8 | - |

**Gallatin**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11810M | Bridger Bowl | 7200 | 48 | 17.0 | 8/3 | 15.6 | 16.1 | - |
| 11820M | College Site | 4850 | 54 | 14.5 | 8/2 | 10.2 | 9.4 | 7.9 |
| 11821M | Elk Creek | 6850 | 48 | 18.8 | 8/6 | 11.6 | 17.3 | - |
| 11840M | Twenty-One Mile | 7150 | 48 | 10.0 | 7/30 | 4.2 | 7.8 | 8.2 |

**Missouri Main Stem**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11800M | Elbow Pitt | 7420 | 48 | 11.8 | 7/26 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 9.1 |
| 11820M | Wemple Pass | 6150 | 48 | 5.9 | 8/5 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 4.3 |

**Yellowstone**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11801M | Battle Ridge | 6020 | 48 | 17.6 | 8/2 | 11.7 | 12.4 | 10.9 |
| 11820M | Northeast Entrance | 7150 | 48 | 9.4 | 8/1 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 5.8 |

*Average for years of survey

# SOIL MOISTURE DATA

## AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1968

(Inches)

| SOIL MOISTURE STATION | | | SOIL PROFILE | | CURRENT DATA | | PAST RECORD | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NO. | NAME | ELEVATION | DEPTH | FIELD CAPACITY | DATE OF SURVEY | SOIL MOISTURE | LAST YEAR | **AVERAGE |
| | | | **COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN** | | | | | |
| Kootenai | | | | | | | | |
| 15B15M | Baree Trail | 3800 | 48 | 7.5 | 9/4 | 5.5 | - | - |
| 14A10M | Murphy Lake R.S. | 3000 | 48 | 22.6 | 9/3 | 19.3 | 17.8 | - |
| 15A02M | Raven R.S. | 3050 | 48 | 23.0 | 9/4 | 18.0 | - | - |
| Flathead | | | | | | | | |
| 13A02M | Desert Mountain | 5600 | 54 | 8.4 | 8/30 | 7.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 |
| 13A05M | Marias Pass | 5250 | 54 | 6.5 | 9/1 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 3.5 |
| Clark Fork | | | | | | | | |
| 13C13M | Black Pine | 7100 | 48 | 10.0 | 8/26 | 8.8 | 7.8 | - |
| 13B19M | Seeley Lake R.S. | 4030 | 48 | 11.9 | | | 4.4 | - |
| 13C03M | Skalkaho Summit | 7260 | 48 | 10.8 | 8/26 | 10.5 | 9.2 | - |
| Bitterroot | | | | | | | | |
| 13D18M | Gibbons Pass | 7100 | 48 | 7.1 | 8/27 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 4.5 |
| 14C05M | Lolo Pass | 5250 | 48 | 10.6 | | | 4.1 | 4.6 |
| | | | **MISSOURI RIVER BASIN** | | | | | |
| Beaverhead | | | | | | | | |
| 11E13M | Lakeview | 6700 | 48 | 15.3 | 9/3 | 8.2 | - | 6.6 |
| Madison | | | | | | | | |
| 11D04M | Red Bluff | 4800 | 40 | 4.7 | | | - | - |
| 11E07M | West Yellowstone | 6700 | 48 | 6.5 | 9/1 | 3.1 | 1.9 | - |
| Gallatin | | | | | | | | |
| 10D15M | Bridger Bowl | 7250 | 48 | 17.0 | 8/30 | 16.6 | 15.1 | - |
| 11D02M | College Site | 4856 | 54 | 14.5 | 8/30 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 7.2 |
| 10D13M | Lick Creek | 6860 | 48 | 18.8 | 8/29 | 17.0 | 15.1 | - |
| 11E06M | Twenty-One Mile | 7150 | 48 | 10.0 | 9/1 | 8.0 | 4.0 | 2.9 |
| Missouri Main Stem | | | | | | | | |
| 10C01M | Kings Hill | 7420 | 48 | 11.8 | 8/30 | 9.0 | 6.5 | 8.1 |
| 12C08M | Stemple Pass | 6350 | 48 | 5.9 | 9/2 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 4.2 |
| Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| 10D11M | Battle Ridge | 6020 | 48 | 17.6 | 8/30 | 13.5 | 8.4 | 9.1 |
| 10D07M | Northeast Entrance | 7350 | 48 | 9.4 | 9/4 | 9.3 | 4.1 | 5.4 |

**AVERAGE FOR PERIOD OF RECORD

# SOIL MOISTURE DATA

## AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1964

| No. | Name | SOIL MOISTURE STATUS Elevation | Depth | SOIL PROFILE Clay Content | CURRENT DATA Date of Survey | Soil Moisture | LAST RECORD Soil Temp. | **Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | |

### COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

**Klamath**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12N13W | Baron Trail | 3860 | 48 | 7.5 | 9/1 | 5.5 | - | - |
| 14A10W | Murphy Lake R.S. | 3000 | 48 | 22.6 | 9/3 | 19.3 | 17.8 | - |
| 13S02W | Haven R.S. | 3950 | 48 | 23.0 | 9/4 | 18.0 | - | - |

**Klamath**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13A02W | Desert Mountain | 5600' | 54 | 8.4 | 8/30 | 7.8 | 4.8 | 3.0 |
| 13A02W | Marina Pass | 5250 | 54 | 6.5 | 9/1 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 3.5 |

**Clark Fork**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13D12W | Black Pine | 7100 | 48 | 10.0 | 8/26 | 8.8 | 7.8 | - |
| 13B19W | Bealey Lake R.S. | 4030 | 48 | 11.9 | | | 4.4 | - |
| 13D03W | Shaylock Basin | 7560 | 48 | 10.8 | 8/28 | 10.5 | 9.2 | - |

**Pittsfront**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13N18W | Cliffbone Pass | 7100 | 48 | 7.1 | 8/27 | 5.0 | 2.9 | 4.5 |
| 14A03W | Lolo Pass | 5250 | 48 | 10.5 | | | 6.1 | 4.5 |

### MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

**Beartooth**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12S12W | Lakeview | 6700 | 48 | 15.3 | 9/3 | 8.2 | - | 6.6 |

**Madison**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11N02W | Red Bluff | 4800 | 40 | 4.7 | | | - | - |
| 11S07W | West Yellowstone | 6700 | 48 | 6.9 | 9/1 | 3.1 | 1.9 | - |

**Gallatin**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10S01W | Bridger Bowl | 7250 | 48 | 17.0 | 8/30 | 16.6 | 15.1 | - |
| 11S02W | Gallatin Gate | 4850 | 54 | 14.5 | 8/30 | 9.7 | 8.6 | 7.3 |
| 10S01W | Lick Creek | 6500 | 48 | 18.8 | 8/29 | 17.0 | 15.1 | - |
| 11S02W | Twenty-One Mile | 7250 | 48 | 10.0 | 9/1 | 8.0 | 6.0 | 5.9 |

**Missouri Big Hole**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10S01W | Kings Hill | 7420 | 48 | 11.8 | 8/30 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 5.7 |
| 12S02W | Steeple Rock | 4350 | 48 | 5.9 | 9/2 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 4.2 |

**Yellowstone**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10S01W | Battle Ridge | 6020 | 48 | 17.6 | 8/30 | 13.5 | 8.4 | 9.1 |
| 10S07W | Northeast Entrance | 7350 | 48 | 9.4 | 9/4 | 9.3 | 4.1 | 5.4 |

**Average for period of record

# SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1968

(Inches)

| SOIL MOISTURE STATION | | | SOIL PROFILE | | CURRENT DATA | | PAST RECORD | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NO. | NAME | ELEVATION | DEPTH | FIELD CAPACITY | DATE OF SURVEY | SOIL MOISTURE | LAST YEAR | **AVERAGE |
| **COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN** | | | | | | | | |
| Kootenai | | | | | | | | |
| 15B15M | Baree Trail | 3800 | 48 | 7.5 | | | 4.6 | - |
| 14A10M | Murphy Lake R.S. | 3000 | 48 | 22.6 | | | 18.3 | - |
| 15A02M | Raven R.S. | 3050 | 48 | 23.0 | | | 18.0 | - |
| Flathead | | | | | | | | |
| 13A02M | Desert Mountain | 5600 | 54 | 8.4 | 9/30 | 8.8 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| 13A05M | Marias Pass | 5250 | 54 | 6.5 | 10/1 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 3.7 |
| Clark Fork | | | | | | | | |
| 13C13M | Black Pine | 7100 | 48 | 10.0 | 9/26 | 8.5 | 7.4 | - |
| 13B19M | Seeley Lake R.S. | 4030 | 48 | 11.9 | | | | |
| 13C03M | Skalkaho Summit | 7260 | 48 | 10.8 | 9/26 | 10.7 | 10.3 | - |
| Bitterroot | | | | | | | | |
| 13D18M | Gibbons Pass | 7100 | 48 | 7.1 | 9/30 | 6.5 | 2.3 | 4.7 |
| 14C05M | Lolo Pass | 5250 | 48 | 10.6 | 10/2 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 5.0 |
| **MISSOURI RIVER BASIN** | | | | | | | | |
| Beaverhead | | | | | | | | |
| 11E13M | Lakeview | 6700 | 48 | 15.3 | 10/1 | 6.1 | 4.8 | 5.8 |
| Madison | | | | | | | | |
| 11D04M | Red Bluff | 4800 | 40 | 4.7 | | | 1.9 | - |
| 11E07M | West Yellowstone | 6700 | 48 | 6.5 | 9/28 | 3.4 | 1.8 | - |
| Gallatin | | | | | | | | |
| 10D15M | Bridger Bowl | 7250 | 48 | 17.0 | 10/3 | 16.6 | 15.1 | - |
| 11D02M | College Site | 4856 | 54 | 14.5 | 9/29 | 9.3 | 7.9 | 7.4 |
| 10D13M | Lick Creek | 6860 | 48 | 18.8 | 9/30 | 17.9 | - | - |
| 11E06M | Twenty-One Mile | 7150 | 48 | 10.0 | 9/28 | 7.8 | 2.5 | 3.1 |
| Missouri Main Stem | | | | | | | | |
| 10C01M | Kings Hill | 7420 | 48 | 11.8 | 9/27 | 10.0 | 5.2 | 7.5 |
| 12C08M | Stemple Pass | 6350 | 48 | 5.9 | 9/30 | 5.0 | 1.9 | 3.7 |
| Yellowstone | | | | | | | | |
| 10D11M | Battle Ridge | 6020 | 48 | 17.6 | 10/3 | 13.8 | 9.4 | 9.9 |
| 10D07M | Northeast Entrance | 7350 | 48 | 9.4 | 10/2 | 9.4 | 3.7 | 6.3 |

**AVERAGE FOR PERIOD OF RECORD

# SOIL MOISTURE DATA

## AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1968

(Inches)

| SOIL MOISTURE STATION | | SOIL PROFILE | | CURRENT DATA | | PREVIOUS YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NO. | NAME | DEPTH | FIELD CAPACITY | DATE OF SURVEY | SOIL MOISTURE | LAST YEAR | **AVERAGE |

### COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

**Yakima**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12B12M | Nerve Tract | 2800 | 48 | 7.5 | | | 4.6 | - |
| 12A10M | Murphy Lake R.S. | 3000 | 48 | 22.6 | | | 18.3 | - |
| 12A00M | Raven R.S. | 3650 | 48 | 23.0 | | | 18.0 | - |

**Flathead**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13A02M | Desert Mountain | 5600 | 54 | 8.4 | 9/30 | 8.8 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| 13A05M | Marias Pass | 5250 | 54 | 6.5 | 10/1 | 6.4 | 2.5 | 3.7 |

**Clark Fork**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13C13M | Black Pine | 7100 | 48 | 10.0 | 9/26 | 8.5 | 7.4 | - |
| 13B10M | Swamp Lake R.S. | 4030 | 48 | 11.9 | | | | |
| 13C00M | Pike Lake Summit | 7560 | 48 | 10.8 | 9/26 | 10.7 | 10.3 | - |

**Bitterroot**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13D13M | Gibbons Pass | 7100 | 48 | 7.1 | 9/30 | 6.5 | 2.3 | 4.7 |
| 14D05M | Lolo Pass | 5250 | 48 | 10.5 | 10/2 | 7.1 | 3.1 | 5.0 |

### MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

**Beaverhead**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11E13M | Lakeview | 6700 | 48 | 15.3 | 10/1 | 6.1 | 4.0 | 9.8 |

**Madison**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11D04M | Red Bluff | 4800 | 40 | 4.7 | | | 1.9 | - |
| 11D07M | West Yellowstone | 6700 | 48 | 6.3 | 9/28 | 3.4 | 1.8 | - |

**Gallatin**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12D13M | Bridger Bowl | 7250 | 48 | 17.0 | 10/3 | 16.6 | 15.1 | - |
| 11D02M | Oshiego Site | 4876 | 54 | 14.5 | 9/29 | 9.3 | 7.9 | 7.4 |
| 12D01M | Lick Creek | 6860 | 48 | 18.8 | 9/30 | 17.9 | - | - |
| 11B06M | Pentry-Cow Mile | 7150 | 48 | 10.0 | 9/28 | 7.8 | 2.5 | 3.3 |

**Missouri Main Stem**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12D01M | Bridge Hill | 7430 | 48 | 11.8 | 9/27 | 10.0 | 5.2 | 7.5 |
| 12D06M | Stemple Pass | 6350 | 48 | 5.0 | 9/30 | 3.0 | 1.0 | 3.7 |

**Yellowstone**

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12D01M | Bottle Ridge | 6020 | 48 | 17.6 | 10/3 | 13.8 | 9.4 | 9.9 |
| 12C09M | Mountain Autumn | 7350 | 48 | 9.4 | 10/2 | 9.4 | 3.7 | 6.3 |

**Average for period of record

# RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1968

(1000 Acre Feet)

| BASIN | RESERVOIR | USEABLE CAPACITY | USEABLE STORAGE THIS YEAR | USEABLE STORAGE LAST YEAR | USEABLE STORAGE AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN** | | | | | |
| Flathead | Hungry Horse | 3,428.0 | 3,428.0 | 3,196.0 | 3,392.9** |
| | Flathead Lake | 1,791.0 | 1,785.0 | 1,772.0 | 1,683.3 |
| | Camas (Sum of 4) | 45.2 | 11.4 | 20.9 | 29.2 |
| | Mission Valley (Sum of 8) | 100.3 | 85.3 | 6.9 | 17.0 |
| Clark Fork | Georgetown Lake | 31.0 | 30.4 | 28.7 | 26.5 |
| | Noxon Rapids | 334.6 | 331.4 | 324.0 | - |
| Bitterroot | Como | 34.9 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 2.9 |
| | Painted Rocks | 31.7 | 31.5 | 25.1 | 27.2 |
| **MISSOURI RIVER BASIN** | | | | | |
| Beaverhead | Clark Canyon | 328.9 | 140.2 | 134.1 | - |
| | Lima | 84.0 | 42.1 | 39.4 | 18.5 |
| Ruby | Ruby | 38.8 | | - | 7.1** |
| Madison | Hebgen Lake | 377.5 | 331.5 | 310.4 | 262.6 |
| | Ennis Lake | 41.0 | 39.7 | 39.3 | 37.3 |
| Gallatin | Middle Creek | 8.0 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 2.5** |
| Missouri | Canyon Ferry | 2,043.0 | 1,861.0 | 1,709.0 | 1,742.1** |
| | Hauser & Helena | 61.9 | 60.7 | 60.7 | 58.6 |
| | Lake Helena | 10.4 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.5 |
| | Holter Lake | 81.9 | 77.2 | 79.5 | 74.7 |
| | Smith River | 10.7 | | 5.3 | 3.7** |
| | Durand | 7.0 | | 2.2 | 3.9 |
| | Martinsdale | 23.1 | | 10.5 | 7.5 |
| | Deadman's Basin | 72.2 | | 50.0 | 28.1** |
| | Fort Peck | 19,410.0 | 17,370.0 | 17,440.0 | 11,308.3 |
| Sun | Gibson | 105.0 | 38.1 | 23.4 | 39.1 |
| | Willow Creek | 32.3 | 20.5 | 15.6 | 18.2 |
| | Pishkun | 32.0 | 18.5 | 7.3 | 20.1 |
| Marias | Lower Two Medicine | - | - | - | 4.8 |
| | Four Horns | 19.2 | 13.5 | 11.4 | 10.2 |
| | Swift | 30.0 | 16.7 | 5.0 | 14.2 |
| | Lake Frances | 112.0 | 67.0 | 71.1 | 90.8 |
| | Tiber | 1,347.0 | 466.1 | 605.2 | 684.9** |
| Milk | Fresno | 127.2 | 107.6 | 75.8 | 61.1 |
| | Nelson | 66.8 | 51.0 | 38.5 | 38.8 |
| | Lake Sherburne | 66.1 | 3.3 | 20.9 | 20.3 |
| Yellowstone | Mystic Lake | 20.8 | 20.2 | 20.9 | 8.8 |
| | Tongue River | 68.0 | 40.0 | 26.9 | 20.6 |
| | Cooney | 27.5 | 18.8 | 13.6 | 12.0 |
| Big Horn | Yellowtail | 1,356.0 | 829.4 | 1,052.0 | - |

NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1948-1962 (15 YEAR PERIOD). **AVERAGE FOR PERIOD OF RECORD

# RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

## AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1968

| BASIN | RESERVOIR | STORAGE CAPACITY (1000 acre feet) | THIS YEAR | LAST YEAR | AVERAGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN** | | | | | |
| Flathead | Hungry Horse | 3,428.0 | 3,428.0 | 3,106.0 | 3,360.0 |
| | Flathead Lake | 1,791.0 | 1,785.0 | 1,772.0 | 1,802.3 |
| | Cabinet Gorge (Box of 4) | 45.2 | 11.4 | 20.9 | 29.2 |
| | Albeton Valley (Box of 8) | 100.3 | 85.3 | 6.9 | 17.0 |
| Clark Fork | Georgetown Lake | 31.0 | 30.4 | 24.7 | 26.5 |
| | Byron Duplex | 334.6 | 331.4 | 324.0 | - |
| Bitterroot | Como | 34.9 | 5.8 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| | Painted Rocks | 31.7 | 31.5 | 35.1 | 27.5 |
| **MISSOURI RIVER BASIN** | | | | | |
| Beaverhead | Clark Canyon | 328.9 | 140.3 | 134.1 | 0 |
| | Lima | 84.0 | 42.1 | 34.4 | 18.3 |
| Ruby | Ruby | 38.8 | - | - | - |
| Madison | Hebgen Lake | 377.3 | 331.5 | 330.4 | 302.6 |
| | Ennis Lake | 41.0 | 29.7 | 29.3 | 29.3 |
| Gallatin | Middle Creek | 8.0 | 5.4 | 2.7 | 2.3 |
| Missouri | Canyon Ferry | 2,043.0 | 1,801.0 | 1,709.0 | 1,742.1 |
| | Hauser & Holter | 61.9 | 60.7 | 60.7 | 58.8 |
| | Lake Helena | 10.4 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 9.4 |
| | Holter Lake | 81.9 | 77.2 | 79.5 | 74.7 |
| | Smith River | 10.7 | | 5.3 | 3.7 |
| | Fort Peck | 7.0 | | 2.2 | 3.9 |
| | Martinsdale | 23.2 | | 10.5 | 7.5 |
| | Freezeout Lake | 72.2 | | 50.0 | 28.1 |
| Sun | Fort Peck | 19,411.0 | 17,370.0 | 17,440.0 | 11,208.3 |
| | Gibson | 105.0 | 34.1 | 23.4 | 39.1 |
| | Willow Creek | 32.9 | 20.5 | 13.6 | 18.2 |
| | Pishkun | 32.0 | 18.5 | 7.3 | 20.1 |
| Marias | Lower Two Medicine | - | - | - | 4.8 |
| | Upper Two Medicine | 19.2 | 13.5 | 11.4 | 10.3 |
| | Bynum | 20.0 | 16.7 | 5.0 | 14.2 |
| | Lake Frances | 112.0 | 87.0 | 71.2 | 90.8 |
| Milk | Tiber | 1,347.0 | 466.1 | 605.2 | 684.0 |
| | Fresno | 127.2 | 107.6 | 73.8 | 91.1 |
| | Nelson | 80.8 | 71.0 | 38.4 | 32.8 |
| | Lake Sherburne | 66.1 | 3.3 | 20.0 | 20.3 |
| Yellowstone | Upper Lake | 70.8 | 70.2 | 20.9 | 8.8 |
| | Cooney Reserv. | 68.0 | 40.0 | 26.9 | 20.6 |
| | Deadman | 27.5 | 18.8 | 13.6 | 12.0 |
| Big Horn | Yellowtail | 1,376.0 | 820.4 | 1,092.0 | - |

# Agencies and Organizations Cooperating in Montana Snow Surveys

U. S. Forest Service
Region 1, Missoula, Montana
Montana Forests and Ranger Districts

U. S. Geological Survey
Helena, Montana
Portland, Oregon

U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Portland, Oregon
Seattle, Washington
Walla Walla, Washington
Omaha, Nebraska

U. S. Indian Irrigation Service
St. Ignatius, Montana

U. S. Weather Bureau
Helena, Montana
Portland, Oregon
Kansas City, Missouri

U. S. Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife
Red Rock Lakes Refuge
Monida, Montana

U. S. Bureau of Reclamation
Billings, Montana
Boise, Idaho

U. S. Bonneville Power Administration
Portland, Oregon

U. S. Soil Conservation Service
Montana, Wyoming, Idaho

Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Montana Counties

U. S. National Park Service
Yellowstone National Park
Glacier National Park

Montana Power Company
Butte, Montana

Montana Water Resources Board
Helena, Montana

North Montana Branch Station
Agricultural Experiment Station
Havre, Montana

Montana State University
Agricultural Experiment Station
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